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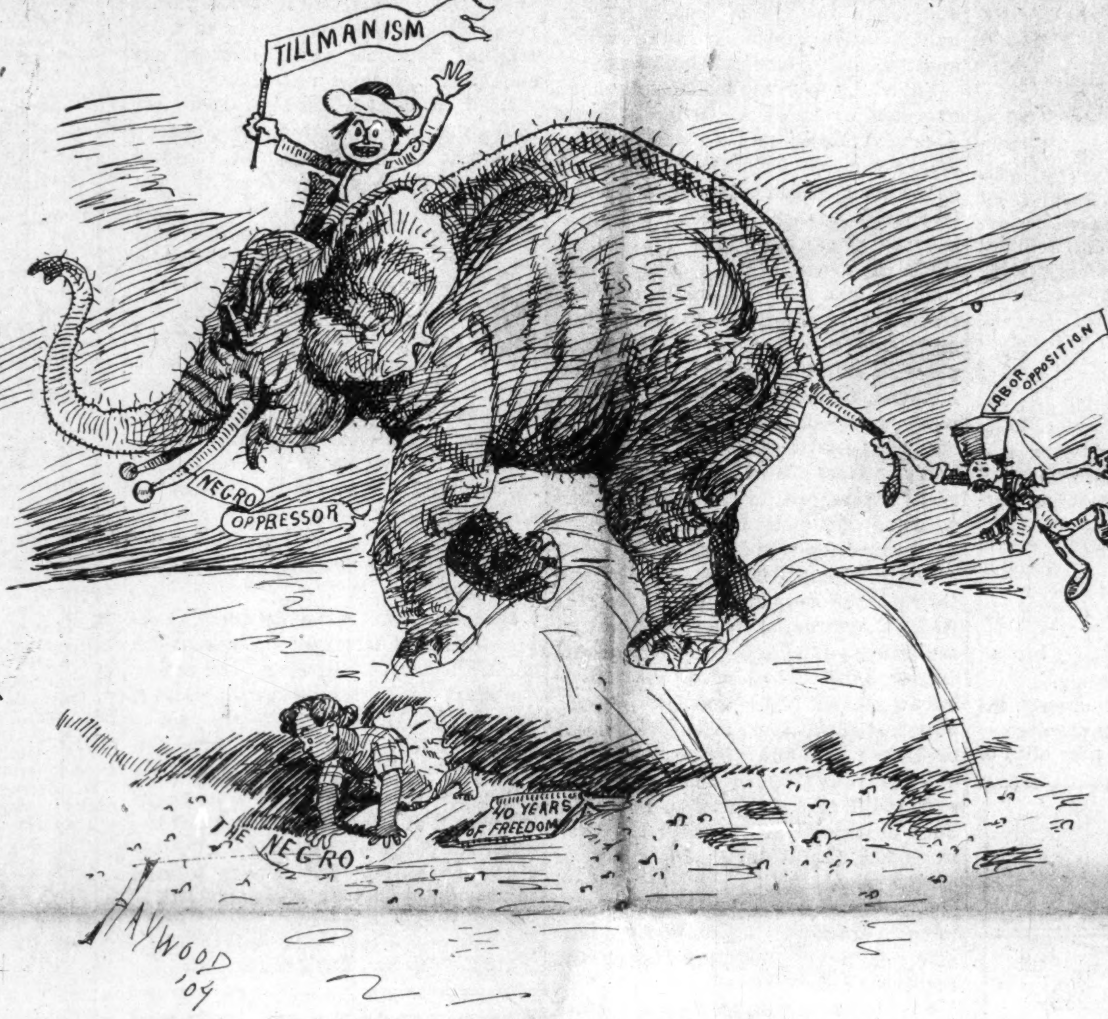

What Credit Is It For An Elephant To Crush An Infant.

MUCH DISCUSSED

ARE THE ALL-ABSORBING A. M. E. CHURCH QUESTIONS

THAT WILL DEMAND DELIBERATE

Consideration of the Next General Assembly—Measures That Will Cause Difference of Opinion and Conflict of Interest—Church Organs.

That there are issues and questions concerning which there is a difference of opinion and a conflict of interest that lead church folks to enter discussion is not a matter that should seem strange to any thoughtful person, but there is reasons why those unacquinted with the facts should be surprised to note that for nearly eight years the A. M. E. Church has tacitly regarded The Freeman as its organ. When any important issue is raised the most thorough discussion of it is to be found in The Freeman when that issue is on the A. M. E. Church, and all know this and the leading men of the church take The Freeman.

The A. M. E. Church had four papers for which it paid for, one has died, of the remaining ones the Voice of Missions is given to idealism, so much so that it does not even tell the simple facts about the practical work in the mission fields. It does not report receipts and expendiures for missions, it dwells in the clouds far above the vulgar crowd. It is seldom involved in the ignoble strife of those who give the money and want to learn what was done with it. All such childish questions are dismissed by it with a smile supernal.

The Christian Recorder teems with discussions of issues but they all bear a certain ear-mark which tells the pathetic story of great reams of article without the ear mark that are gone to oblivion or carried around to be exhibited in proper places to show how this, that or the other one has been protected by the refusal to publish the exhibited article.

The Monitor is paid for by money obtained from church funds, but it is the personal organ of its editor. Of late it has not been able to secure any articles from men of high standing, and its columns are largely given over to men who pander to the editor. Its disregard for the truth and its utter lack of the recognition of certain points of honor that are ancient among editors have caused it to become almost without influence. The Recorder's editor does observe the forms of honor and the Voice's edidor stays among the clouds, but the Monitor's editor wallows in the mud with his kind.

There are great and grave questions to come before the next general conference, and thoughtful men want to learn the various views that are being held throughout the church. The Freeman is the medium. The Recorder's editor has had a hard time of it and many do not blame him for making the best possible use of his last chance to get up. All must admit that he is right when he refuses to publish an abusive article directed against anyone, none can say that he is wrong when he admits a decent article that contains praise of himself, but none can say that he is right when he excludes a decent article that does not praise him but that does praise another worthy man. To take such an advantage of his office is not an act of the highest manhood nor is it one that will be admired by good people.

The Monitor makes no pretence of regard for decency, or honor, or truth; it is a vulture type type of paper. Before the next general conference will come certain measures which will be given some deliberate consideration. The last general conference plunged into several great ventures without thought of responsibility incurred, but such will not exactly be the case next time. The church has placed more than a $30,000 investment in South Africa, including expences and property bought. All of this must be abandoned or else the next quadrennium must assume a very hugh responsibility The wonderful prospects that have been reported would seem to justify almost any limit of expence that is possible. The bishops will likely advise the election of a bishop to take the place of Bishop Coppin in South Africa. He is likely to be assigned to his home district or to the second district. He has won his spurs and has reasons for no future worry.

The bishops will not likely advise the election of any other than a bishop for South Atrica. If there was any man who is sincere enough in his desire to extend the church to be willing to step forward and go to South Africa as a missionary bishop on a general officers salary the problem would be solved. Such men do not seem plenty. Those who want to be a bishop, and with the bishops stand, are many. They and their friends will combat the advise of the bishops to elect only a South Africa bishop, and may win the day. If so things will run riot, and at least three will have to be elected to secure peace At least one for Africa is needed, one for the island is needed, if the proper one could be found, none are needed for the home work and everyone knows this. Georgia asks for the return of Bishop Turner, and his work for Morris Brown will likely secure this. Bishops Handy and Tanner are capable of splendid service if given one-half the consideration shown to Bishop Payne in his latter days. The rest of the bishops are rugged and ready. Bishop Arnett can do the best work of his life in the next four years if had some district like the first. We all have friends whom we would like to see elevated, but every honest man must admit there is no need for more home bishops now. The men who are not willing to be elected to go to Africa and the islands by that act show themselves undeserving. The men who are at present in the general mind as likely men are: Dr. Jones, of Ohio; Dr. Townsend, of Indiana; Dr. Flipper, of Georgia; Dr. Nichols, of South Carolina; Dr. Parks, of the West, and the South, and the East; Dr. T. W. Henderson, of like wide spread of territory; Dr. H. T. Johnson of the same class. Dr. J. A. Johnson, of Baltimore, whom it is expected Bishop Coppin will favor as his successor, in which case he will stand strong chance of the job; there are others before the church but they are largely exhibited by their own effort, and not by any popular dumand. Booms resting on circular letters and paid puffs do not stand the wash any more. There is not a man named above who is not a man of some worth and worthy claims of some recognition. There are some not named who are equal or even better. To make a jump, why does not the Recorder publish the list of delegates? Is it fear to let communications reach the men? That is vain, several accurate lists are in existance.

J. M. HENDERSON.

In the Blue Grass Metropolis.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—The Kentucky metropolis was gay during the holiday season, and your scribe found so many entertainers entertaining so entertainingly that to attempt to particularize in a limited space would fall far short of justice to the festal hour and to those who contributed to its gladness. Everybody knows that the Kentucky teachers "owned the town" during the past week, and everybody helped to fill them up with dinners, suppers, speeches, receptions and other things said to abound plenteously in the Blue Grass State. The people here seem to wish that Christmas would come twice a year and stay six months each time.

The musicale by the pupils of the Central High School at Music Hall, under the direction of the supervisor of music, Miss Bourgard, was an artistic and financial triumph. The choral exercises were sung with spirit and finish, and individual hits were made in the separate numbers by Mrs. Cora Desha Barnett and Misses Eliza Davenport, Hattie Yeiser and Mamie Ashford.

The celebration of the forty first anniversary of our emancipation was observed at Central Christian Church New Year's Day, under the auspices of the People's Forum, with appropriate ceremonies. The history of the occasion was given by President N. R. Harper, and the proclamation was read by Miss M. E. Porter. The principal address was delivered by Mr. R. W. Thompson, formerly president of the Second Baptist Lyceum of Washington, D. C., with response by Rev. G. E. Henderson, of Warner Post, G. A. R. Papers, addresses and short talks—"hot shot talks" President Harper calls them—were contributed by Rev. E. P. Morris, Mrs. E. K. Thomas, Rev. M. F. Robinson and Rev. Joseph Courtney. The officers of the Forum are Lawyer N. R. Harper, president; D. L. Knight, vice-president; William Warley, secretary; James Goines, treasurer; George Claxton, librarian; Miss Alice Harper, organist.

The Mid-Holiday bazaar by the Woman's Industrial Club, 826 W. Walnut street, was a gratifying success. There was an exhibition and sale of needle work by the female charity workers, and the results of scientific cooking were shown.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the race's favorite elocutionist and dramatic reader, passed through the city Tuesday, en route to Cincinnati to fill an engagement a ter which she goes directly to her home in Washington for a brief rest. Miss Davis has just completed a successful tour of several Southern states, with Mr. Albert Young, tenor soloist, as her support, and large and appreciative audiences of the best people greeted her everywhere she could arrange to appear. She made such a deep impression upon the citizens of Nashville, Tenn., that plans have been arranged for her return in the spring, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, when she will put on the classic drama "Damon and Pythias." While in Tennessee's pretty capitol Miss Davis was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Taylor, and was more formally entertained by other social leaders, notably Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Napier, who gave a delightful tea in her honor.

In the course of his paper before the State Teacher's Association Prof. J. H. Garvin, of Winchester, said: "For public and elementary schools no subject demands so much attention as that of manual training, the absorbent interest of building up a course of systematic education for the head, heart and hand. The greatest general this country has ever had, or ever will have, is today standing at the head of a commanding army of 1,500 Negro boys and girls, drilling and preparing them that they may successfully fight and finally win the battle in the great contest of social development, in the person of that eminent philosopher and educator, the Sage of Tuskegee, Booker T. Washington." The association recorded itself in favor of Dr. Washington's idea of fitting the Negro to be a first hand producer in every walk of lite.

Miss William Davis, 811 West Walnut street, entertained one hundred guests Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Paralee Hillman, of Covington, Ky.

Miss Alice M. Howard, of the Eckstein Norton University, Cane Spring, Ky, spent the week in the city with Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Parrish. Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, also stopped at this hospitable abode.

Joseph H. Douglass, the premier violinist took much delight in saying of Miss Eliza Davenport, of our public schools, that she was one of the very best accompanists at the piano that he had ever met anywhere in the country. Miss Davenport is, indeed, an accomplished musician.

KENNETH REID.

New Albany Newslets.

New Albany, Ind., Special.—The brilliant social event of the Xmas season was the birthday luncheon given on Monday evening by Miss Marguerite B. Sterrett at her handsome home, 506 State street. The spacious parlors were filled with friends from far and near, all vieing with one another in the pleasing task of paying court to the fair hostess and wishing her a long life and abundant happiness. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the menu was conceived in the height of the culinary art and served in a manner befitting a princess of the realm. Miss Sterrett was the recipient of many tokens of kindly remembrance. Prominent among those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, of Jeffersonville, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes, of French Lick; Mrs. Ella Graham, Misses Frankie L. Wallace and Nora Marshall, of Louisville; Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Gaddie, Dr. S. C. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. F. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. William Addair, Misses Jessie D. Clay, Lila and Blanche Rickman, Mr. E. R. Williams and others. Miss Sterrett is assistant principal of the of the Division street public school, and enjoys a richly deserved popularity among all classes by reason of her splendid qualities of mind and heart, and earnest and helpful service for the uplift of the community. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sterrett, one of the oldest and wealthiest families in the state.—The Order of the Eastern Star turned out last Sunday for their annual sermon at Jones' Chapel and made a most imposing appearance. An audience testing the capacity of the church listened to the able sermon by Rev. Benjamin Roberts, of Bethel.—The remains of Mrs. Sophia West, who died at Indianapolis were brought home for burial. Her funeral services were held Sunday at Jones' Chapel, Rev. J. R. Irvin officiating.—Rev. R. T. Bailey is on the sick list.—Miss Bertha McGuire has returned from Indianapolis.

News Brevities.

DeMoines, Ia, Special —Joe Jordan, of whom I have spoken before in these columns, is still writing music the J. W Agnew Music Publishing House. His latest song "Happy Lee, a Slow Drag" is a great success. We hope his next song will be void of "rags," as variety is the spice of life. Rev. H. S. Graves has succeeded in raising over $2 000 in two years. The money raised is to annual the debt that has been over the church for twenty or more years. The Iowa State Capital was in flames on the 4th inst The loss is probably $300 000 The injustice done Miss Marguerite Fields in the musical contest shows that prejudice is rampant, and is ever increasing. She won the first prize, because she is of the Negro race they refused to give it to her. Remember we are in sweet and free Iowa

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Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special —The funeral of Miss Verda Hawkins was conducted from the A. M. E. Church Monday afternoon. Miss Hawkins was a member of the A. M. E. Sunday School. She leaves a mother, sister, step father and other relatives to mourn their loss. Her many friends extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family. Miss Adah Stillguess, of Ft. Wayne, who visited her sister, Mrs. Peters, in East Jackson street, returned home Monday. Union services were held at the A. M E Church New Year evening. The sister churches participating in the services. The Second Baptist Church gave a reception at the church New Year's Day from 2 to 5 p. m. Miss B. Kelly gave an "at home" to several of her young friends and associates New Year's evening, from 8 to 10 p. m.

THE SABLE CLOUDS

THE MUTTERINGS OF THE STORM GIVE WARNING

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT A TARGET

From the Stage of Vaudeville and Burlesque Theatres—His Friendly Attitude Toward the Negro the Cause—Arch Enemies to Republicanism.

Has the stage been chosen as a medium through which to embitter the hearts of the middle and lower class whites against President Roosevelt for the maintenance of his friendly attitude toward the Negro? This is a question which should arrest the attention of every Republican throughout the country. It is painfully evident as the time for the convention draws near the more drastic become the offensive inuendos, rude jokes, harsh allusions, etc., of the position he has taken relative to the black man. It is obvious also that these attacks are almost entirely confined to Burlesque and Vaudeville houses. This is due, no doubt, to the calibre, breeding and average position of the performers who constitute in major numbers this element of actors. Their "stunts" and "sketches" afford them unlimited opportunities. Monologue actors are almost inseparable adjuncts to this character of amusement, and it is from them the hottest of the fire is drawn. For intance, as must be generally understood, "monologue" is simply a comic address to the audience, somewhat resembling an old time minstrel stump speech; in fact that was the original source from whence it came.

Politics is always a good pond in which to fish for fun-making, especially of a personal nature. This can be made to entail a compliment to the individual assailed, or deametrically opposite. It is not difficult, therefore, for thinkers to ascribe a reason for the almost criminal attacks perpetually made upon the policy of our great, good and wise Executive, when the source from which they come is considered. I have intimated that the calibre and mental worth of vaudville and burlesque performers, as a rule, do not warrant their being rated very high in the scale of men capable of criticising a presdent; for the most part they are made up of a class coming direct from Irish and German parents in the commonest walks of life. Their hatred, as a consequence, is essentially intuitive of all Negroes, and, likewise, their friends. Thus we are confronted with a problem at the very eve of our national convention, which bids fair to cut not a little figure in the choice of our next president. The situation certainly bodes no good to our present incumbent.

Considering the rapidity of the age in which we live and its corresponding intrigues and designs might it not be possible that the derisions pointed out are being fostered, nay, subsidized, by shrewd politicians who hope through these methods to undermine and overthrow the present policy of the administration. Forewarned is forearmed. Why wait "'till the horse is out of the barn?" If these "thieves are attempting to break through and steal" surely the administration possesses the power to stop it. If these arch enemies (if they do exist) be unearthed in their lair, caught red-handed with the "goods" the tide could be instantly controlled and beguiled into channels more conducive to the general welfare of the Republican party. Imagine anything more fathfully allied unto flaunting a red flag in the face of an angry bull than the contant insinuations from the stage to audiences, for the most part, made up of tough Irish and Germans of Roosevelt's favoritism to the Negro. A lieutenant reports having heard the following in a local theatre the past week. One comedian is made to ask another: "Say Johnny, why didn't the groundhog come out of his hole last groundhog day?"

Johnny—"Why, because he was afraid Roosevelt would put a coon in his place."

[With respect and apology to Johnny Weber of the Rose Sydel Burlesque Co.]

At another theatre one comedian tells another "that the only way to secure a position under Roosevelt would be to go and black up," etc.

Now then, in conclusion, I desire to say that this article was written purely on the merits of the premises. It is up to those who may be in authority and have the handling of the Roosevelt end of the fight.

CONTINUED ON FOURTH PAGE.

Many women are denied the happiness of children through derangement of the generative organs. Mrs. Beyer advises women to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered with stomach complaint for years. I got so bad that I could not carry my children but five months, then would have a miscarriage. The last time I became pregnant, my husband got me to take **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.** After taking the first bottle I was relieved of the sickness of stomach, and began to feel better in every way. I continued its use and was enabled to carry my baby to maturity. I now have a nice baby girl, and can work better than I ever could before. I am like a new woman."—MRS. FRANK BEYER, 22 S. Second St., Meriden, Conn.—*$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.*

FREE MEDICAL ADVICE TO WOMAN.

Don't hesitate to write to Mrs. Pinkham. She will understand your case perfectly, and will treat you with kindness. Her advice is free, and the address is Lynn, Mass. No woman ever regretted having written her, and she has helped thousands.

Interesting News Items.

Evanston, Ill., Special.—During the month of December there were four weddings celebrated. Mr. Oron Williams of St. Paul, Minn., and Miss Carrie Lucas of Roanoke, Va., but who was residing with Mr. and Mrs. N. Branch at 1705 Lake street, were united in marriage Dec. 7th, Rev. Simmons officiating. The couple left for St. Paul, where they will reside, immediately after the ceremony. On Dec. 9th Wm. B. Pollard of this city and Miss Frances D. Craft of Greenville, S. C., were married at 909 Hamlin street, Rev. I. N. Daniels officiating. The marriage was quite a surprise to their many friends, only a few being present. Miss Craft was formerly a student at Benedict, Columbia, S. C., while Mr. Pollard is a graduate of the Mound City, Ill., high school, class of 1900, and is at present a student. He is an enthusiastic worker in church and Sunday-school affairs. On Dec 15th Mr. Arthur Scott and Miss Katherine Bailey were united in marriage it, too, being a surprise and a quiet affair. Both are of representative families who have long resided in this city. They reside at 520 Rinn street. On Dec. 23d the wedding of Mr. J. Turner Alexander and Miss Alice Saunders was celebrated at the home of the bride, 820 Davis street. It was a beautiful affair, there being about fifty guests present. Miss Byrdie Bass was maid of honor. Mr. Watson Saunders, the bride's brother, gave her away at the altar. Little Miss DeForrest Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Howard, carried the wedding ring on a silver platter. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander left after the ceremony for Terre Haute, Ind., the groom's home. Bishop Grant was in our city on the 12th, 13th and 14th and lectured Monday, the 14th, at Y. M. C. A. hall on the unsolved problems before the American people of to-day. The lecture was well attended. The A. M. E and Second Baptist churches held their Christmas exercises on the 24th and 25th respectively. Both affairs were well attended. The Northwestern Household No. 365, G. U. O. O. F., held their second annual entertainment in Lyon's hall, Dec 28th. A good program was rendered and music was furnished by the Peerless orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. James Osborne celebrated their third anniversary Saturday evening, Dec. 26th, at their beautiful home, 2020 Central street. It was a nice affair and well attended. Their presents, most of which being leather, were unique and well selected. Mrs. John Sherrod gave an informal in honor of Mrs. Robert Branch, Monday afternoon, at their residence, 1705 Lake street, many guests being present. Mrs. Branch was formerly a Denver, Col., girl.

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FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

How to Apply Enamel.

Nearly all articles of furniture may be renewed and beautified by the application of enamel. It dries quickly. If applied in the morning the article will be dry by night. It gives a fine gloss and is sanitary and easily cleaned. When enameling a room new wood should first be painted with inside white or white lead reduced with turpentine, which somewhat lessens the cost. When this is hard and dry apply one coat of enamel. A second coat applied after the first has become hard and dry will produce a fine finish.

Woodwork previously painted should first be washed with soap and water, using a little soda, borax or ammonia to soften the water. Then apply one or two coats of enamel.

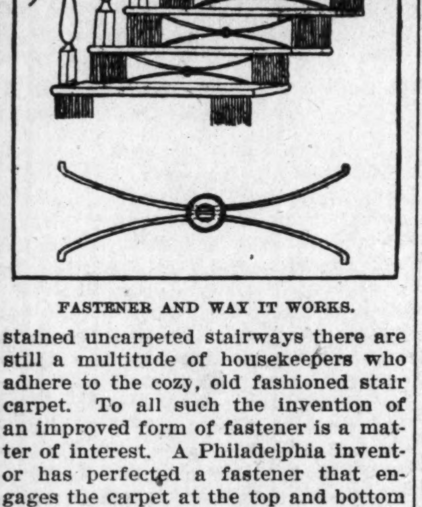
A calcimined wall should be washed or scraped off. An old wall that is simply soiled in spots should be well cleansed and the spots washed with soda and water to remove grease. Then apply with a thin coat of size made by dissolving a little good glue in boiling water. It is best to apply the size while it is warm. Do not leave spots unsized, as if you do the paint will not dry evenly. Then apply one or two coats of white inside paint. When this is dry apply the enamel. On small articles previous painting will not be necessary.

Paper Doilies For Serving.

No more will the hostess sigh over seeing her most cherished lace and embroidery ruined by fruit and chocolate stains. She may now indulge in all the dainty accessories of the table without a qualm as to their being stained, says the Chicago Chronicle. The reason for this is that everything in the shape of doilies, casserole frills and sherbet cups is now made of paper. They are as dainty as possible and are made to imitate the beautiful Tenerife work, Mexican drawn work and all lace patterns in the most wonderful manner. Despite their fragile appearance they are proof against liquids and do not get soggy. Salad and ice cream cases come in a variety of pleasing forms, and it is possible to carry out a color scheme with but trifling expense.

Stair Carpet Fastener.

Despite the craze that during the last few years has overrun the eastern section of the United States for oiled or stained uncarpeted stairways there are still a multitude of housekeepers who adhere to the cozy, old fashioned stair carpet. To all such the invention of an improved form of fastener is a matter of interest. A Philadelphia inventor has perfected a fastener that engages the carpet at the top and bottom of both sides of the riser, the device being quickly and easily placed in position and removed therefrom. It consists of two outwardly flaring resilient arms, of wire or other material, locked together securely at the center by a metallic rosette and pointed at each extremity. By pressing the arms together they can be placed beneath the ledge of one of the steps, and when released the points of one pair of said arms will engage with the carpet beneath the ledge and, if desired, enter the woodwork, and similarly the other pair will engage with the stair tread. The carpet can therefore be held taut and securely in place and yet be readily taken up on occasion.



FASTENER AND WAY IT WORKS.

Boiled Chicken Stuffed With Onions.

Clean and truss the fowl as for roasting; fill the inside with small white onions (silver skinned) that have been parboiled in a quart of milk. Put the giblets on to boil with a small onion and two or three slices of bacon or a little raw ham. When giblets are done strain the gravy into a saucepan (there should be at least a pint), put it into a saucepan with the chicken, cover and simmer until quite tender. Put three large onions in the quart of milk used to parboil the chicken. When it is reduced about one-half thicken with butter and flour rubbed to a smooth paste. Season with salt and pepper and let it cook until it thickens. Pour this over the fowl when it is arranged on the platter and serve.

To Clean an Oil Painting.

Raw potato is good for cleansing an oil painting. Cut a potato in two and rub quickly over the surface of the painting with it. When it shows soil take a fresh potato. Wipe dry with a soft silk handkerchief. It is a good plan to clean only a small section of the painting at a time, then wipe it and go on to a fresh part. Sweet oil, if lightly and quickly applied, would clean a painting satisfactorily.

HENCE MY SILENCE

FIRING AWAY AT UNHOLY COMBINATIONS AND POLITICAL TRICKERY.

COMPARED WITH DENOMINATION

And the Great A. M. E. Connection Placed in Arrears by a Personage of Note—Those Defeated—Words of Advice—Men at Home.

For several weeks I have been very silent regarding affairs affecting the A. M. E. church. I have been getting my affairs settled in my new charge and getting my work in hand, hence my silence. Three of us who have much to say through these columns have new fields—Dr. J. M. Henderson from Philadelphia to Boston, Dr. J. A. Jones from Pulaski, Tenn, to Nashville, and I, now at Texarkana, Ark. I shall take occasion to write up Texarkana and her many enterprises operated by Negroes and do what I can to make The Freeman secure a good circulation here

Well, I am now going to fire away and say a few words that may seem hard relative to the A. M. E. church and the coming General Conference.

First. I said in my last article that I expected to be at the General Conference next May whether I was elected a delegate or not. Well I failed at being elected, or, rather, I was counted out. It sounds strange to people outside of the church to hear that ministers of God's church will enter into unholy combinations and political trickery to succeed to position, or to defeat their opponents, but such is true in many parts of our connection. I know an instance where a man stayed drunk a whole week—drunk as a beast—got out of his bed and went to his conference and was elected a delegate to the General Conference. In that same conference one of the cleanest men in the entire connection was defeated.

Again, ingratitude seems to run through the very soul of many in the A. M. E. church. I know men, both on the bench and in the list of general officers, as well as presiding elders, who have appealed to me and other church writers to help them to succeed to this or that place, and pledge all kinds of aid, etc, and after succeeding they get stiff, indifferent and hard to approach. Such characters are unfit for the dwelling place of the devil. Dishonesty or carelessness, I don't know which. Well, it may be extravagance is one feature in our church; if not checked you are going to hear something "drop" and that very soon.

The C. M. E. Conference assembled in this city a few days ago. I carefully listened to the reports of their general officers. This infant church reported her publication department out of debt and a surplus of nearly $20,000 on hand, to be distributed throughout the connection to superannuated preachers and other godly causes. Their Christian Index, from subscriptions, advertisements, etc., pays the entire expense of editor and manager, and their book business is an income to the connection. Our publication department was born twenty-five or more years before the C. M. E. church was conceived. We have more traveling preachers than the C. M. E. church have as pastors, local preachers, exhorters, class leaders and stewards, and we have for years and years paid three men—editor of Recorder, business manager and editor of Review—out of our financial department funds, and this thing has been running for more than fifty years, and here we are with nothing, and it is $20,000 in debt.

The above are cold facts, and the public can judge the rest. I have nothing to lose by telling this truth, and if official power is exerted and I am again sent to a country mission charge it is no more than I have experienced; I am used to it, so let it come.

Furthermore—There are many clamoring against the election of more bishops, claiming that it will be too expensive to the connection. Shades of Jeff Davis—here we are increasing our collections annually, and our departments getting deeper in debt, and some of our bishops accumulating palaces, our preachers who have given their lives for the church and are dying with age and want, getting nothing; widows of ministers and their orphans destitute of the commonest necessities of life. My God, we might as well elect a few more bishops from the field, and let them help share some of the fat, and thus travel and help bring about different results in the church.

I see, through the Monitor, that Dr. Tice has raised that hellish color question again. I do not know the motive for which it was raised. I care not. It is the most damnable question ever raised in the church. The same question was raised by a bright man—Dr. Henderson—four years ago. Now it is raised by a dark man—Dr. Tice.

I don't know how this feeling has effected our ministers up in those "diggins," but it is the bright man that suffers down this way on account of his color. I know what I speak of when I say that the bright skinned man in these parts has to contend harder for his rights than his more fortunate—eboned hued brother. I had rather speak about any other subject than this, for God is my judge. I am not color blinded nor color prejudiced. I am clammoring for the election of Dr. Connor, the blackest man in the church, because he is capable, able and worthy.

I spend the night, every night, with one of the sweetest women in the world, and she would remind you of an ink bottle. I supported Bishop Tyree, and now I hold that his administration is one of the most brilliant in the church. But, Bro. Tyree, if he wants his color to win for him leadership should come down this way.

NOTES

The day that the A. M. E. church rises or stoops to elect H. T. Johnson to the bishopric then the church will need to be hailed with the old political phrase—"Poor old African Methodism." When ever this man gets on our bench the Episcopal committee had better make a standing New York for him. The poor or common people, such as we have to deal with all through this South land, will not be allowed to touch even the hem of his garments. I can say more, and if I am forced to do so you will hear from me. This man will be another one of those characters that will push a man aside because he dares to have original opinions. The church has enough such men in high places.

Dr. J. M. Conner has been led almost into a death trap fooling with Johnson men, who make believe that they are trying to effect combinations to elect them both. He has suffered his name to be tacked onto that kite, and now the winds are lowering and Johnson men are laughing up their sleeves. But I stand where I have stood for twelve years. I believe Connor is worth twenty Johnsons (H. T.) both in work done for the church and fitness for the episcopacy. Dr. Connor is going to be accused of knowing something about this writing, but he does not. But, to his everlasting credit, he is too good to author any such. He would be the last man to consent to these statements being made public, if they were presented to him.

Ignorance was made the premium in the election of delegates throughout the eighth Episcopal district. Of course the Stars intellectual were all elected; then, to be shining lights they set to work and defeated every well informed man who aspired. I know eight delegates, yes more than that number, in the eighth district who do not know the different parts of speech. While it is true they will go to Chicago leaving some of the best posted men in the church to stay at home.

J. G. ROBINSON.
412 E 13th St., Texarkana, Ark,

THE SPORT....

M. D. Dunne, recently manager of the Chicago Beach hotel, Chicago, Ill., has resigned to accept the stewardship of the Planter's hotel, St Louis, Mo. Much speculation is rife at the Beach that a change of headwaiters is probable, but there is no reason to credit these rumors. The present headwaiter is a white man, and he succeeded a colored headwaiter nearly three years ago, and is, in all probabilities getting along very well. He is John O'Donnell, formerly of Cincinnati hotels. It will be remembered that he was once headwaiter of the Planters hotel, and in the summer went to the Grand hotel at Macinac Island, Mich., when the season was over there he found he could not return to the position at the Planters, because the white waiters had made a protest through their union. They called him a "nigger driver."

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Indiana at St. Louis.

Near the great outdoor mining exhibit at the World's Fair the handsome Indiana building will soon receive its finishing touches. This $40,000 structure in French renaissance is but part of Indiana's $200,000 representation at the greatest Exposition of the age. September 15 will be Indiana Day at the World's Fair.

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A LADY of New Iberia, La.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17, 1902.

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F. J.

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George Murray vs Lucinda Murray } State of Indiana, Marion Co. ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion Co., In the State of Indiana. No. 13065 Complaint Divorce,

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 2nd day of Dec. 1903, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant Lucinda Murray and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Lucinda Murray is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 24th day of February, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said Court said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 24th day of February, 1904 the same being the 24th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in February, 1904, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

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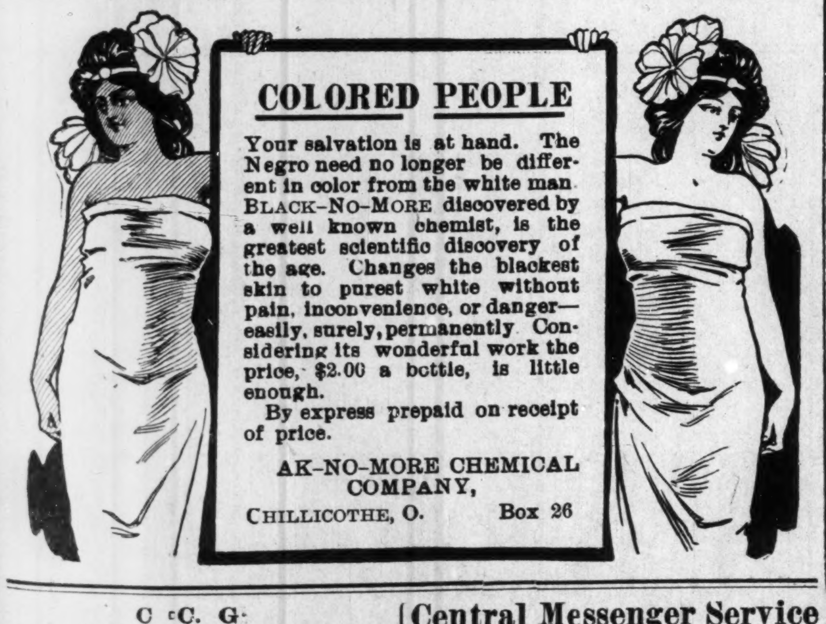

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THE WAITER
BILL OF FARE

Edited By
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T. H. Hawthorn is headwaiter at the Majestic hotel, Hot Springs, Ark.

S. H. Rose is the new headwaiter at the Boody House, Toledo, O., where he succeeded J. C. Donley

R. H. Bradley, the efficient headwaiter at the Menger hotel, San Antonia, Tex., is now putting in his tenth season at that hotel.

St. Louis, Mo., is a white man's town, which accounts for the majority of the best hotels there employing white waiters. The colored waiters will certainly make a mistake if they rush to St. Louis.

We are requested to inform the members of the Head and Second Waiter's National Benefit Association that the business of the association will be attended to as usual, and any communications to Mr. Thompson can be addressed to St. Augustine after January 9.

John Tellman, steward Arlington hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., and author of "The Practical Hotel Steward" and other cook Books, will be steward of the Jefferson hotel, corner Twelfth street and Locust avenue, St Louis, Mo., which opens to the public May 12, 1904.

The colored caters of Philadelphia have a nice club at Philadelphia, 1219 Pine street. The Philadelphia caterers have always been considered the very best. It was from this guild that Chas. Smiley, Chicago's leading caterer, came, but the above caterers seem to be asleep now.

Frank P. Thompson, the genial headwaiter of the hotel Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, Fla, will leave New York January 9 to open this house for the season. Thomas A. Woods, of Asheville, N. C., and Robert Goode, Jacksonville, will return with Mr. Thompson as second and third officers.

G. Lewis, chef de couisin at the Marlborough hotel, Atlantic City, is one of the few up-to-date colored chefs. The Marlborough is the finest hotel in Atlantic City, and Mr. Lewis' success there has raised the standard of the colored chefs. Mr. Lewis was formerly chef at the new Gayoso hotel, Memphis, Tenn.

Fred Allen, headwaiter of the Royal Ponciana hotel, Palm Beach, Fla., has returned there for the season 1904. This is Mr. Allen's third season, and it needs no guessing to predict that he will enjoy the same success this season as has marked his former control of a position which gives him absolute control of the large force of 400 employees, with five subordinates.

George Wallace, headwaiter of the Royal Palm, Miami, Fla., for the past two seasons has returned there for the season 1904. Mr. Wallace has gathered around him a staff of officers and a crew of picked men who have gone South with him every season, and it is a compliment to the ability of the man that he has opened and closed his house every year without the slightest friction. Mr. Wallace is very highly spoken of in the profession, and as he is a young man the future promises to be bright for him.

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C. H. Barton, headwaiter at the Illinois Hotel, Bloomington, Ill., is well known in the hotel circle in the states of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Mr. Barton was second for J. B. Goins at West Baden Hotel, West Baden, Ind. He has filled his present position for a year. The Illinois is one of the best hotels in the state. He attributes his success as headwaiter to instructions received from the American Colored Waiter, and advises all colored headwaiters to recommend the book to their side-men.

REMINISCENCES OF AN EX-HEADWAITER

BY W. F. COZART.

All kinds of queer human cranks are to be found in the hotels. People who are agreeable in everything else are beyond all reasoning when it comes to their food and the serving of it. Although it has been my lot to come in contact with many cranks during my twenty-five years experience in hotel life, it was while at the hotel ——, one of the finest hotels in the East, that I found myself face to face with one of the most determined hotel cranks that I ever saw, and, very naturally, it was a woman. She was of medium height and rather fleshy, weighing about 150 lbs., and judging from her healthy look she never had a sick day in her life and yet she imagined she was sick all the time, consequently she rarely ever came into the dining room to her meals, but had them served in her room. I might also add that she was an old maid of about forty-five, and apparently rich. If she had any relatives I never saw any of them visit her during the six months she was in the hotel.

THE LADY IN 55.

During her stay in the hotel she had at least 250 different waiters to serve her and was the cause of four headwaiters losing their positions. I took charge of the dining room on Saturday for luncheon, and among many instructions the proprietor gave me was that I would have to make special efforts in catering to Miss ——, in room 55. I was informed that she was a "big crank," but as she was paying enormous prices I would be expected to see that her waiter got the very best of everything and gave perfect satisfaction. Fifteen waiters, five bell-boys, three chambermaids, four clerks, the steward, chef and the housekeeper came to me the first meal I was in the house and told me about Miss ——. I was told how she had waiter after waiter discharged, also four headwaiters, and on one occasion she actually chased one of the headwaiters out of her room, after sending for him, because he dared to tell her that English breakfast tea was really English breakfast tea.

Lucheon passed off and I did not hear anything from the troublesome boarder. Supper pulled through and I reached my room almost in despair because I was expected to be called before her highness the first thing Sunday morning. All Saturday night I had fearful dreams—an old woman with a broom would be chasing me, and how I would be busy getting up a real nice meal for Miss ——. I arose Sunday morning all worn out and dreaded when the time came for me to go on duty. Breakfast was nearly over when a bell-boy brought up an order for Miss ——'s waiter. I called the waiter, gave him specific instructions about what I would expect of him and then hurried him on. Just what the waiter did I do not know, but he came back scared half to death, saying Miss —— ran him out of the room and would not give him her order. I ordered another waiter to the scene, but he preferred to have his time and, of course, I had to accommodate him. A third waiter was sent and he managed to get the order, but he was so scared he had forgotten it before he reached the kitchen, and he too pulled his apron off and went into the street. I then sent a fourth waiter to get the order over again and instructed him to say that the other waiter had been taken violently sick and was expected to die. When told of the waiter's illness she remarked that, "it would be a God's blessing if he did die." In less than fifteen minutes a nice hot breakfast was one its way up to Miss ——'s room.

A few minutes later I heard a terrific noise caused by dishes and a try rolling down the steps which was near the dining room door, and there was the waiter with soft boiled eggs smeared all over his shirt bosom, oyster soup and cream toast had ruined his black pants an jacket, and as he gazed at me appealingly he was an object of pity.

"What caused this?" I asked.

"Miss —— threw the whole breakfast in my face, sir," he replied.

The stairway was literally covered with dishes, silverware and food. At the head of the stairway stood Miss ——. Her hair hanging loosely over her shoulders, her eyes glittering fiercely from beneath the curly locks which dangled in her face, she was gritting her teeth, and shaking her finger at the waiter like a mad woman.

HIS GHOST HAUNTS THE HOTEL.

Every hotel, restaurant and boarding house has its "star boarder." This important individual, it seems, is absolutely indispensible in the average hotel. He or she wields a powerful influence, second only to that of the proprietor o the hotel, and quite often the proprietor is compelled to take a back seat. The clerks, chef, steward, headwaiter, headporter and housekeeper's authorities fade away into insignificance when the star boarder is concerned. They make their demands and commands and every hotel employe is expected to fall upon their knees before these royal highnesses and obey orders, regardless of the circumstances. The proprietor or manager must give the star boarder a room or a suite of rooms with board for comparatively nothing and the housekeeper is expected to employ one or two maids who are to look after the apartments or rooms of the star boarder only. The time and service of one or two bell-boys is monopolized, the headporter and his assistants are constantly receiving orders; the clerks are kept busy answering all kinds of questions looking for mail or passing the door key, whenever the star boarder does not care to come behind the counter and get his own mail or key.

The headwaiter is required to reserve the best table in the dining room and keep a waiter standing at the table from the time the doors open until the star boarder comes in; the table or the waiter must not be used under any circumstances, it matters not if the dining room is full and guests are standing at the front door demanding seats, or whether they are calling for a waiter, the table and waiter in question cannot be used even in that emergency.

Under the above conditions the headwaiter undergoes a trying ordeal, but he must look out for the star boarder, even though he runs dozens of high priced guests away from the house. The star guests make vigorous complaints against the chef about this or that dish which does not suit them; they also send the chef written or oral receipts for cooking this or that article. The meats do not suit them, the steak is tough lamb chops or not lamb chops, and choice breakfast bacon becomes salt pork, consequently the stewart is called a "greenhorn," and the manager is informed that he is badly in need of a first-class cook and a steward that "knows how to buy meat that is fit to eat." As a result the manager orders special bread, butter, milk, cream, meats, etc, for the star boarder and still the star boarder is never satisfied and usually makes all kinds of lame excuses to their friends as to why they remain or board at such a miserably connected hotel.

I came across one of the above potentates at the hotel ——. He was called Col. ——. For twenty years the Col had been a boarder at hotel ——, or rather a terror at that hotel. During all these years the Colonel had witnessed the coming and going of about fifteen managers and proprietors; the hotel had been burned twice, but he held on. The Colonel was a very tall man, about 6 feet 4, and had a thin face sharp and piercing eyes, a fog horn voice, long gray hair which hung in a bush on his shoulders, always kept his mustache shaved close, but wore long chin whiskers, and had a nose that would have disqualified that of Cyrano. About the time that the Colonel took up his abode in the hotel —— a large eight day clock was put in the dining room, and although the house had been partly burned twice and the dining room remodeled and changed several times, the clock, like the Colonel still remained intact.

It is an old adage, nevertheless a true one, that it is a long lane that has no end. So it was with the Colonel. He had lived a long and unique career, but alas, he was taken deathly sick and he saw the last vestige of hope for recovery had gone. The only thing which seemed to worry him was upon whose shoulder could his mantle fall, who would boss the employes of the hotel and see that they would contine to perform their duty. Not being able to select a suitable successor, the Colonel resolved that even though he should die he would continue to perform the duties of the star boarder. One morning at about 3 o'clock it was noticed that the Colonel had undergone a change, which indicated that he would soon be beyond the affairs of this life. The Colonel too felt that something was going to happen, so he made an urgent call for the proprietor, clerk, head-porter, housekeeper, headwaiter, steward and chef. Owing to the lateness of the hour, only the night porter, clerk and watchman and the proprietor could be brought to the Colonel's room immediately. For the first time in several days the Colonel raised himself up in bed and inquired: "Where are the others?" But before he received an answer he remarked: "Never mind, I will come back again." Saying this he fell back on the bed a corpse, while those in the room stood breathless.

That morning when the dining room was entered by the waiters on the early watch it was discovered that the clock which had ticked away the time faithfully for twenty years had stopped at 3 o'clock, which was exactly the same time at which the Colonel died.

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On account of the high tariff charged by the Worlds Fair directors for the privelege of a major catering concession corporations for the purpose of securing such concession have held off, and individual concerns have rushed in and secured forty different concessions at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and Worlds Fair at St. Louis, Mo. There will likely not be any great corpration controling this concession as was the case with the Columbian Worlds Fair at Chicago; the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, Omaha, Neb.; and the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, N. Y. The following letter is an evident of that fact.

St, Louis, Mo., Dec., 6, 1903.

Mr. E. T. Montgomery,
Hamilton Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your letter of inquiry under date of December 5 we beg to advise that the exposition has not granted what may be termed a "major" restaurant concession, single restaurant concessions have been granted, averaging one restaurant to each concessionire. Thus far there have been granted to date about forty of this sort of concessions. Yours very truly.

NORRIS B GREGG.
Director of Concessions and Admissions.

The white waiters organization of St. Louis number 2,000 members and growing with each meeting by the addition of all stranger waiters in the city. The colored waiters organization number about 85 members and practically at a stanstill so far as numerical growth. Immediately after an announcement appears in the daily papers of the organization of a company or an individual promoter for the purpose of opening a cafe, restaurant or hotel a committee from the white union wait upon the promoters or manager and secures a promise to use only white help. They They suppliment their argument with a list of head men from all the leading cities of the country, men with records and reputation who will be here and available during the exposition. The best of waiters this country can produce will be here, is what they say, and consequently things are going democratic for the colored waiters. The colored local union committee make no pretense of interviewing these people, and if they did their list would be made up of only a few local characters that would not be acceptable to the local hotel managers and proprietors.

E. T. MONTGOMERY.

In an article which appeared in The Freeman not long since on the subject of "The Need of a Walter's Organization," someone replied at length repudiating the idea of a waiter's organizatfon, and said in conclusion: "Worry not about the future, the present is all thou hast." There was a time when men measured a building by the shadow it cast, but knowledge of the measurements is so accurate todag that men calculate with marvelous accuracy without the aid of rule or pencil. This is true also of the speech of men. It is not what goes into the man's mouth, but what comes out of it by which he is judged. The man who advocates contentment and no thought of tomorrow pursues a very narrow-minded policy, and is a failure. "Look forward, if possible, into the depths of the future; plan well for each succeeding day, and follow carefully each well-laid design," is the philosophy of the wise. Its good advise to follow too. Worry much about the future, the present you know.

A. B. CARTER.

An Inquiry.

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A CANAL.

President Roosevelt left no stone unturned in his message to Congress in telling how it happened in Panama, which made the story a little long, but he has the art of injecting life and vigor into what would otherwise be lifeless productions, a sort of sauce piquant that makes the mass digestible and assimilable. State papers, as a rule, have the "happy faculty" of not getting read and the individual that can make one like them does a wonder in his day. It will be conceded that much of the President's speech reads like a novel or like some interesting phase of history; Prescott's Mexico; or a vision of the land of the Incas; while spirited all along he gets dramatic occasionally and arrived at a grand climax more than once.

The fact of the matter is, the President had something to say; he has been assailed, as was readily seen and not necessarily between the lines; charged with undue, precipitate and suspicious haste in the Panama business; by inference, conniving at Panamaian separation, which charges seem with foundation when the facts are not known. The President plainly shows by abundant evidence that Colombia was speculating on the canal prospect and that it was simply peculiarly and selfishly interested, having no respect for the spirit of internationalism or for interoceanic commerce, which the canal will promote, which has so long been retarded by the "rock ribbed an ancient" That the Colombian congress signified a willingness to consider after the opportunity had sped showed a "Barkis is willing" spirit, which takes the starch out of the sovereignty business.

The message makes this point the most vital of the whole contention, that the Panamaians recognized the possible advantages to their country in having a canal through it on which would ride the commerce of the civilized world; they were chagrinned and maddened when they learned that Colombia, the mother country, failed to consider a treaty that meant so much for them particularly and the world of commerce generally. They began to stand up for themselves; a canal was to be built; it was to be Nicaraguan or Panamaian; our government preferred Panama; they did not mean to lose the one opportunity for fame and advantages regardless of the action at Bogota.

It seems to us that the time was simply, ripe for the culmination of the canal business, worked out along lines in accordance with American ideas which had been slumbering for something like half of a century. France would have assumed the defunct De Lesseps' obligations had not such assumption been averse to the well-known policy of our government, which was working it out on the lines of the Monroe Doctrine. President Roosevelt, although exhibiting questionable zeal in pushing things to a finish, is like another President, Abraham Lincoln, the creature of circumstances. Events rapidly unfolded after the stubborn stand made by Colombia, which justified the activity: it was the tide in the affairs of nations taken at its flood that led on to victory—and Roosevelt was the man.

That a canal was to be constructed was a decretal of by-gone days, the unfulfilled pledges of the pioneer statesmen who saw the future looming up with its needs. It stands to reason that the canal will be built; it will stand for too much in the commercial world to be successfully opposed.

CHICAGO'S GREAT LOSS.

One of the most appalling events of modern times was the burning of the Irqouis Theater in Chicago, last week, where nearly six hundred lives were blotted out in a single night. The great loss of life is sufficient proof that the exits and other means of escape were inadequate for the immediate and safe outgoing of the audiences or else they were criminally neglected. Mayor Carter Harrison justly ordered the theaters of that city closed until they faithfully comply with the laws touching upon means of exit from theaters and other places of general assembly, which, of course, is a case of locking the stable after the horse has gone, but the same sad event may occur to-morrow night or it may never occur again. But the way to be sure that that it will never occur again is to introduce all known means for facilitating egress from public places.

The civilized world was startled and astounded at the news of Chicago's disaster, which has been exceeded in the loss of life, but a very few times in the history of human affairs. but the world can never know the sum of the agony of pain and of anxiety which that city underwent that night and the immediate following days. Human suffering arrests the attention, becoming the subject of universal sympathy because each one has, from personal affliction either mental or physical, some knowledge of bodily or spiritual suffering. The manner in which it comes has much to do with the manifestation of pity and grief. Perhaps there is no death so dread as that from fire—fire is relentless, revengeful and all consuming. Men laugh in the face of the sword, court the bayonet, speed forth to meet the speedier bullet, but stand as things transfixed before the bellowing billows of flames; they stand for eminent destruction.

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We append a moral by inquiry here, and to this extent: Will not the great loss by Chicago's theater and other places soften the hearts of no little portion of the American people who have become to believe that the burning of Negroes is the best way of typifying their dislikes at times? Pain and suffering belong to no trust; the "black brute" that rapes no less than the pampered darling is freed of the fiery stings that bite like asps. The spirit of the laws and the letter are the issuance of men's hearts, and which, in the intent, are to curb crime, deter crime and not necessarily meant to fit crime. What punishment can fit the murder of your hopes? What is the murderer's death to us? What of the hideousness when by fire? Can it call back to earth the fleeting breath? Then here follows the opportunity for a great sermon on barbarity because of the searing influence, destroying the sentiment in the world without which in sufficient degree it may as well be without the sun.

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We, every one of us, feel safe in saying that we dismiss all thought of our own sufferings and join the world in sympathizing with those whose losses are now uppermost in the minds. In the face of death man appears little, weak and foolish; his wisdom counts for naught; he is balked in his effort to subject all things to his laws and domination. We are but children when speaketh the wan one of the centuries; we cannot offer mercy or even respite, but we can extend the godliest qualities of the human heart—sympathy and pity. We can help bear the world's crosses.

"The Voice of the Negro," a late journalistic venture, is on the magazine order and as neat and trim a publication as ever was uttered from a press. Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, the editor, is a scholar and an educator who will be remembered owing to the very flattering vote he received for bishop of the M. E. church by a conference of both races. He will be assisted by Emmett J. Scott, J. Max Barber, H. H. Proctor, P. J. Bryant and J. A. Hopkins, all of whom are men of experience along educational and journalistic lines and who doubtless will keep the publication up to the ideal conceived in the initial number, the articles of which and arrangement are worthy of any of the well-known magazines. The first number is devoted to an important article reviewing the work of the Atlanta schools by Prof. John Hope of the Atlanta Baptist College. An illuminating article upon the Negro as an important political factor, by Kelley Miller of Howard University also appears. A spirited discussion, "White vs. Black," by Prof. W. S. Scarborough of Wilberforce University will be found interesting. Booker T. Washington writes of the "Negro's Part in the South's Upbuilding," while Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams of Chicago discusses "The Negro and Public Opinion." There are several contributions by the editors themselves, and all in all, the initial publication gives promise of vigorous life.

According to current rumor January 4, 1904, was the day set apart for denying Pullman sleeping cars to colored people. We are not advised as to the pulling off of the event, but it will be where the people will suffer more by way of imagination than otherwise if it does come off. The expressions is no indication of racial surrender, but merely a statement of a fact. Pullman cars are not overburdened with colored people, and yet the opportunity to enjoy their luxury and comfort should not be denied. But there are opportunities for abuses in the matter, and we very much suspect that that side of the situation has been considered. Now, then; if we, the colored people, will take advantage of these luxuries when we are able to pay for them, and not simply because it is possible to pay for them, the chances are that our appearance amid them will not excite unfavorable comment, simply because many of us would not be there. Now, that's not toadying; it is puncturing.

The State Teachers' Association of Kentucky, composed exclusively of colored members, held its twenty-seventh annual sessions in Louisville last week. Mr. C. F. Sneed, formerly of the Indianapolis schools, was one among those appearing on the program; his subject, "How may training of school and life be correlated?" The banquet given by the Louisville teachers to the visiting teachers was the enjoyable close of what was held to be profitable sessions, at which function the genial Prof. W. H. Perry presided; Profs. A. E. Meyzeek, J. S. Hathaway and Mrs. Lavina B. Sneed were among those that responded to the toastmaster's call.

According to the decision of the subcommittee of the executive committee of the Afro-American Council the next annual sessions of the Afro-American Council will be held at St. Louis, Mo., September 4th. It is needless to say that the next meeting will be highly important and well attended.

Japan is more than anxious to fight; it is very evident that she simply wants to practice to show how much she has grown. She has some very excellent boats, modern equipment for her soldiers and such like, but fighting Russia is fighting somebody.

Panama had been used by Colombia as a source of revenue only; their ethics on the canal situation, perhaps, were no better.

If Japan cleans up Russia after having mopped up China, would it not become the brown peril of the East?

The prominent colored men like the wise are now in the East. What's it all about no one seems to know.

As if to show its capacity for disturbances, Hayti has been having three revolutions in progress at once.

The bottom of the coal bin heaves in sight during these days of malignant cold weather.

Senator Beveridge did some tall talking at the Republican love feast; he's got to talk.

The Suffrage Convention has become noted because of what it failed to do.

We agree with Mr. Dunbar that "when hit comes to real right singin' 'taint no easy thing to do" and we can not have too much of the spontaneous, sweet, melancholy, joyous music that comes from the cabin and field of the rapidly changing South. Mr. Dunbar interweaves with his songs much of the whimsical philosophy dear to the Negro heart of which no other race has such superb abundance. Mr. Dunbar is truly the Poet lawreate of the race. After the readings, Mr. George L Knox, like a Madigascar King, arose and eloquently thanked the ladies alliance for bringing Mr. Dunbar to the city.—From the Indianapolis World.

TESTIMONIAL.

Mrs. Janey Williams of Johnsville, Ark., writes Dec. 10th, 1903, the following letter.—I have used the Original Ozonized Ox Marrow and have found it to do more than it is recommended to do. It stops the hair from falling out and breaking off and cleans the scalp and makes the hair soft, pliable and glossy. Please forward me two bottles. Inclosed find money order for same. Please give this order prompt attention and oblige——. Send us 50 cents and we will ship you a bottle express paid. Address, The Ozonized Ox Marrow Co., 76 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

THE SABLE CLOUDS

CONCLUDED FROM FIRST PAGE.

To any such persons reading it I positively assert that the middle West, judging from the hillarious applause greeting all jokes of the character herein quoted, it taking liberally of the poison injected.

J. D. HOWARD.

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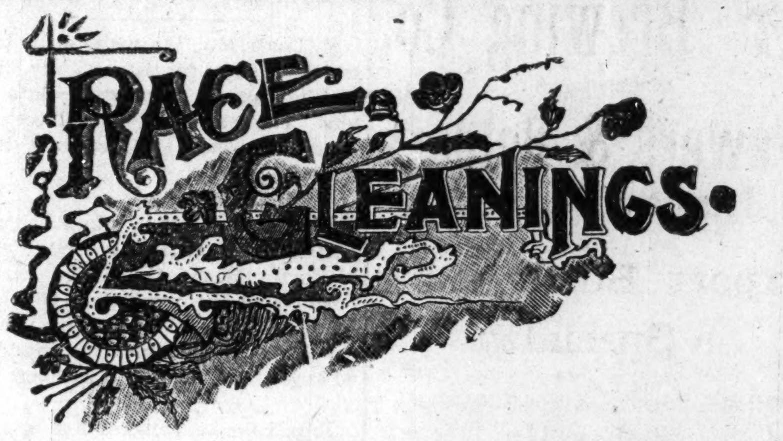

RACE GLEANINGS.

There are 60,000 Negroes on Manhattan Island.

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Isaac B. F. Allen, colored, is the Republican candidate for street commissioner in Boston.

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Thornton McNeal, an aged Negro of Indianapolis, Ind., disappeared from his home, 1202 Fayette street, November 24. His wife says he took with him $1,100, the savings of a lifetime McNeal was formerly a slave and has been married three times.

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Dan Hackley Winston, a young colored man of Nashville, Tenn., has produced a book of poems with the title given in the heading. It is a paper bound volume of seventy pages, containing thirty-six short specimens of verse, several of which reveal the genuine poetic reality, while all evince education, with a degree of literary culture.

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Mr. Waring is a prominent lawyer of the Ohio bar, the first colored attorney to argue in the United States Supreme Court, and the only colored man who ever sat on the bench in the State of Ohio. As teacher, editor, federal officeholder, lawyer, orator and scholar Mr Waring is known throughout the United States. He is the author of "The Race Problem Unmasked"

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There is a movement on foot in Valdosta, Ga, to bring back from Liberia the Irwin county Negroes who, last February, emigrated to that country. Minister Lyons, at Monrovia, has written a letter to the State Department saying that of the fifty six Negroes who arrived their twenty have died from want of proper sustenance and medicine, and nearly all the others are sick and destitute. Five have received enough money from the United States to return home.

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Nearly a whole family perished in the flames that destroyed a dwelling at Clarksburg, N. J., Wednesday morning, Dec 30 Clayton Fowler, 42 years old his wife, 36 years old, and their four children, aged respectively 6 years to 13 years. 2 years and six months, lived in the house, which was a two story frame building. The blaze started on the lower floor and when the family awoke the whole lower part of the house was in flames. The oldest child, a boy, jumped from the second story window and escaped with slight bruises, but Mr. and Mrs Fowler were either afraid to jump or were overcome by smoke before they could reach a window and they and the three other children were burned to death.

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The destruction by fire of St. Augustine's Catholic church, Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec 11, has deprived a Negress of her power and influence. Her real name is Mary Craycroft, but they call her "Little Pige" because of her size. As she saw the flames and heard the clang of the bell as it fell from the belfry to the floor, seventy-five feet below, she gave vent to a plaintive wail, and tears ran down her cheeks. For years she had been custodian of the church, and had come to regard it as her home. "Little Pige" is looked upon as a harbinger of good and evil. She is said to have been in attendance at every wedding ceremony ever performed at the altar of the church. On one occasion a wedding ceremony was postponed because of the fact that "Little Pige" was confined to her bed by illness and could not be at her post in the rear of the church when the binding words were said. This strange superstition had fastened itself upon many members of the congregation, and disasters were predicted for all who might ignore the superstition. With the destruction of the church by fire "Little Pige's" spell is believed to have been broken, and she will never again wield the influence she did prior to the fire. The church is to be rebuilt in the spring, but in the meantime the congregation, representing more than three hundred families, will secure a temporary place of worship.

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DIVORCE LEGAL.

Minnie G. Haberly vs Samuel S. Haberly
State of Indiana, Marion Co., ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion count In the State of Indiana.
No. 13045 Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 31st day of December 1903 the above named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant Samuel S. Haberly and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that said defendant Samuel S Haberly is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 3rd day of March, 1904

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of the said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 3rd day of March 1904, the same being the 28th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in February 1904 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and allegeo will be heard and determined in his absence.

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BILLY KERSANDS' Big Colored Minstrels.—Anniston, Ala., Jan. 11; G inesville, Ga., 12; Greenville, S. C., 13; Spartansburg, 14; Ashville, N. C., 15; Johnson City, Tenn., 16.

A RABBIT'S FOOT Co.—Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 11; Live Oak, 12; Pala ka, 13.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS, (Voelckel & Nolan) Bonham, Tex., Jan. 11; Paris, 12; Clarksville, 13; Texarkana, 14; Hot Springs, Ark. 15-16.

WILLIAMS & WALKER'S "IN DAHOMEY COMPANY, London, Eng., indefinite.

Tom Logan sends regards to Johnny Mason, Buddie Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kemp, Pearl Woods and Helen Ogden.

Prof. and Mrs. Dick Weston, after a pleasant visit among relatives and friends in Louisville, Ky., returned to their home, Winnipeg, Canada, Jan., 1.

Mrs. Marsh Craig, wife of Marsh Craig, of Kersand's Minstrel Co., presented her husband with a fine ten pound girl New Year's Day. Mother and daughter are both doing well.

Mr I. F. R Brooks, better known as "Ace" Brooks, after a successful season with E. Hogan's Co., which is touring Hawaiin Islands, has returned to this country, and is now touring the Northwest.

John W. Dennis, of the team of Dennis & Jones, is confined to his bed with a fractured leg, caused by a trunk falling on it while filling an engagement in Jacksonville, Fla. The Freeman wishes him a speedy recovery.

Elnio Dodd, a musician wellknown in minstrel circles, died December 24, 1903 in Louisville, Ky., aged 33 years. During his last hours he was tenderly cared for by Jerry Barnes. The remains were shipped to Nashville, Tenn., for interment.

Notes of the Rabbit Foot Co.—The company is still playing to good business in the state of Florida. Fred Bonnecaze and Joe Locust, of New Orleans, are recent additions Laura Logan and . M. Thomas also joined in Mobile. D. Ireland Thomas, stage manager, closed December 31st. Will Goff Kennedy is now stage manager and doing the leading light comedy. Bradley & Leach are still a pleasing feature. Bonnecaze & Lucust are featuring with success, "Look Into Your Baby's Face and Say Goo Goo." "Happy" Howe, our star comedian, is still making them up and setting a hot space. Clifford Brooks is getting his. Grace Jackson never fails to score in her singing and dancing. The company sends their regards to Black Patti's Troubadours. W ll Goff Kennedy sends regards to all friends.

Notes of the Billy Kersand's Minstrel Co.—We are meeting with the same kind of business in Florida as we did in the Lone Star State. Playing to standing room only. The company spent Christmas Day in Shrevesport, La., and the reception tendered the entire company by the citizens far surpassed anything we have ever yet witnessed in our career. The company was remembered by their friends throughout the country in the way of presents, and the citizens in this and other cities during the holidays made us feel perfectly at home. The entire company sends regards to their Vicksburg friends, Crayton & Dorsey, Scott of the Scott & Deleo team, Graves & Kelly, of Richard & Pringle's Minstrel Co., and wish them a successful career. While in Greenville, Miss., we met our old friend Mr. Robert Leach. Mr. Leach also entertained the boys royally. Housely Bros. in Natchez were treated in such a manner that they will never forget the hospitable home of Lawyer Hinton. Wm. Thomas closed in Vicksburg to join the Rabbit Foot Co. L. B. Herndon joined us at Shrevesport. He sends regards to Prof. Tobe Brown and Wash Manning and all friends. Wm. Taylor closed in Greenfield to accept a position in Little Rock, Ark. Mr. Simmons sends regards to Baquet and George Bryant. Dick Thomas do you ever see The Freeman. Marsh Craig is spending a few day in Chicago, visiting his wife. He will rejoin the company in a few days.

Louisville, Ky., Notes.—The Blue Ribbon theatre presented a meritorious bill for its holiday patrons. Hi Jerry Barnes continues the top liner with his new monologue and up-to-date songs. John Goodloe comes in a good second with songs, dances and witticisms. Miss Ella Hoke is a favorite, and is accorded generous applause. "Rastus," the dancing wonder, continues to elicit favorable comments and deserved encores. Benzoine Davis, the popular soubrette, though suffering from horseness, is a signal for "hands" upon her appearance. Eugene and Robert Clark entertained a select party of professional friends Wednesday evening. Washington Fanning is on the sick list. Tom Logan has returned from his Southern trip. Will Able has secured the management of the West Baden and French Lick, Ind., theatres for the winter season, and invites open time of performers. Pauline Cottrell Crampton is expected in the city soon. Kid and Dora Wilson are rusticating at French Lick Springs, Ind. The Clark Comedy Co., gave a splendid matinee performance at Leiderkranz's hall Monday. Lillie Greer-Harper is playing dates on the Harper circuit. George Barrett is booked with a wellknown minstrel company for next season. Prof. Ben Bali has joined Prof. T. B. Brown's orchestra. "Strap" Hill, the dancer, was here a few days ago with a white company. Prof. Keaton Irving has sold his business interests to George Barrett, who will be pleased to meet his many friends at the old place of business. Will Able wants to hear from Vida DeVine and Florence Hines.

P. B. R. Hendrix's Chicago Notes.—I hope all had a merry Xmas and a happy New Year. Owing to the severe illness of Mrs. Hendrix I have failed to send in any items for the past two issues, now that she is convalescent I will try and keep all posted. All theatres in the city are closed, on account of the unfortunate fire to the new and beautiful Iroquois, which caused the lives of 589 to be swept into eternity. It will probably be a month before some of them will be open, and unless they all comply to the letter, with the ordinance of the city, they will never open. It was a horrible sight to witness In behalf of The Freeman we extend to the management and to the relatives and friends of the victims our heartfelt sympathy The Byron Family are making a tour of the West, and have engagements up to the last of March We wish them success I am sorry to note the lack of interest by the profession in not rallying to make the Xmas edition one of interest. Mr Knox devotes his paper to you and your interests, and I think, as a race, we ought to be more appreciative, even if it does cost a little for one issue, just look at the free advertising you get from other sources in his columns. You would pay a white man his price and never grumble. Don't look for 'free doings" all your life Daddy Love is feeling fine again, and had a very pleasant Xmas. He is still doing business at the old stand, 336 Twenty-seventh street. Joe Catlin sends regards to all friends. My regards to Harry Sorrell, Skip Farrell, Louis Love, Billy McClain and wife, Ernest Hogan and wife and all other friends. Be loyal to your friend, The Freeman. Sylvester Russell was amongst the first to respond to the call for assistance on the fund for George Pickett, requested by Daddy Love.

EMERGENCY FUND CONCLUDED.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

The contributions for the Emergency Fund have not been large enough to warrene its continuation. Mr. Elwood C. Knox will immediately refund all money contributed. There has now been enough sentiment expressed to enable the "proper parties" to make a successful effort to establish a fund themselves, if they will only take it in their hearts to do so Who is the proper party? I will leave that for stars and managers of colored shows to solve.

I have no cause to condemn anybody. It may be that the profession did not take kindly to the financial system. The only free fund that could be operated would have to be established by the "proper parties." While I could have made the emergency fund a general success I remain willing to do anything and all I can to make any project a success that the "proper parties" may undertake. Some of the best thinking men of our race were not of the opinion that actors would support the proposition.

In the mean time a charactable effort is now being made by Mr. "Daddy" Love, of Chicago, a man whom I personally esteem most highly, to aid Geo. W. Pickett, a bass singer, who served faithfully in William & Walker's Company for a number of years. Mr. Pickett is now ill with consumption at Denver, Col. This public donation will test the willingness of stars to aid their own charity.

I am of the opinion that any actor who would not aid his own mother will not be of much use for chairty. Hoarce Copeland should receive a benefit; it seems to me he is more entitled to one than any one else. The cases of sickness and death during the past season among colored actors has been the largest in our history. This indicates that the future demands that we should have an actor's charity fund. Nobody will deny that. In giving the "proper parties" a chance I want to show the world that actor charity is very slow. Any future assertion that actors would not support my individual efforts is untrue The "proper parties" will never make a move toward chairty. Now watch them and see. The Holy Bible tells us that ' chairty suffers long and is kind " The world must not totally condemn the actors in their failure to do their duty. They do quite as well as the white, in proportion. They average quite as good as their own race also Many colored people in other walks in life are buried by a collection. But these things do not excuse the successful actors of this day and time. The actor who brands me as an enemy through his own ignorance of the dimensions of the plain facts I have spoken of in this cause is promptly excused. I have talked to suit conditions, not to suit kid gloved actors, nor the ignorant ones that some of these actors seek to ill advise, simply to make them contemptable, instead of trying to elevate their minds, if for no other reason than self respect. I stand for any actor who tries to be a man.

Any actor, who is a man, need not be guilty of goatism. All these doctrines have I vowed to preach to make the way easier for the coming generation; but as time goes on conditions will grow better and actors will begin to see more clearly where we are at. Charity taught and union is yet young among colored actors. Many of the poorer ones have seen many hardships on account of thoughtlessness, where now they will begin to see light. We rest with the hope of a better and more generous effort in the future. The Emergency Fund proposition is hereby closed.

Information Wanted.

Mary L Martin would like to hear of her brother, Lawrence Cheatham. Any information as to his whereabouts will be cheerfully received. Mary L. Martin, 10010 Fourteenth street, Birmingham, Alabama.

Chinese Papers.

Until a few years ago barely half a dozen important newspapers were issued in the Chinese language. Today every large city, however remote, has its journals. These usually contain, besides the imperial edicts, extracts from the Peking periodicals, editorial articles and a special section devoted to European and American affairs and affording much enlightenment regarding foreigners and their ways.

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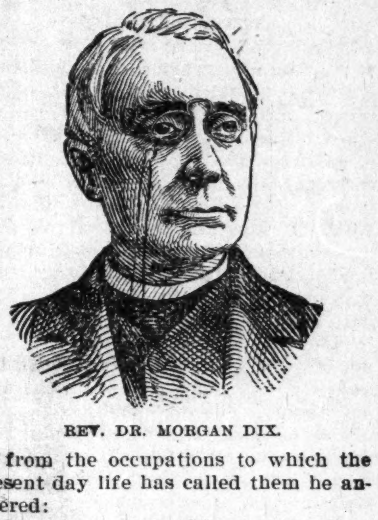
PEOPLE OF THE DAY

Dr. Dix and the "Mannish" Woman.

Society has been considerably stirred up over the Thanksgiving day sermon of Dr. Morgan Dix of New York. The storm of dissent has drawn from the doctor an interview, in which he has reiterated and emphasized his previous utterances. He says: "In these days women have come down to our own level. They talk like men, swear, smoke, gamble, drink, do all things that men do, even dress like men." When asked if he would exclude women from the occupations to which the present day life has called them he answered:


REV. DR. MORGAN DIX.

"Of course not. There are many things women can do and still be womanly. But there are things not fitting in woman to do. They should not have suffrage. Women lawyers are not in the right place, and I don't think much of women doctors. As for women preachers, is there anything clearer than the express language of the Scripture forbidding them?"

Touching upon divorce, Dr. Dix said: "It is becoming terrible. Once upon a time, and not long ago either, if we mentioned the fact that a person had been divorced we spoke of it under our breath as a subject not proper for conversation. We regarded divorce as something closely related to disgrace. The remedy? If people would refuse to receive divorced persons or to speak to them on the street, there is the remedy."

Joe Jefferson and His Brush.

"Joe Jefferson," said an artistic friend who had been paying him a visit at his summer home on Buzzards bay, "beguiles his vacations by fishing, shooting, painting, reading and correspondence. He has a studio fitted up over his stable and passes many hours there indulging his passion for sketching and painting, at which he has become an expert, although he modestly disavows any merit to his work."

While there the friend unearthed a canvas turned against the wall upon which was painted a pair of ducks. The work was of such rare excellence that he was surprised into asking Mr. Jefferson if he painted them.

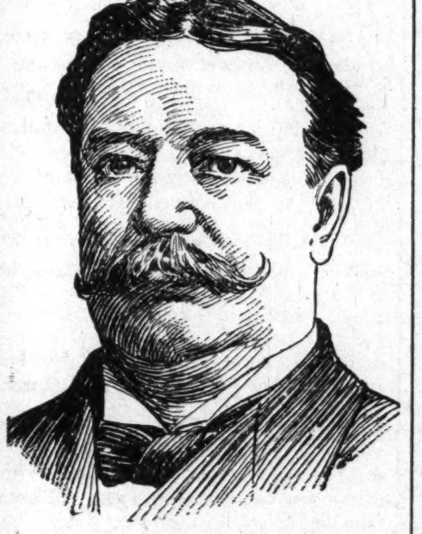
Mr. Jefferson, looking up from his easel, hesitated a moment and then, in his slow, gentle Rip Van Winkle tone, answered:

"Yes. I not only shot them, but I then added insult to injury by painting them."—New York Times.

Governor Taft's Forethought.

Governor William H. Taft of the Philippines, who is to succeed Elihu Root as secretary of war, made himself popular with the people of the islands by his democratic manners and sociability. He broke down the color line which had been drawn by the Spanish residents and entered heartily into the spirit of the amusements of the people of Manila.

Governor Taft not only enjoys a reputation for sociability, but is also one of those rare individuals who appreciate a good story even when the point is against themselves, and this recalls a story told by the governor of how his wife once turned the tables on him when he attempted a bit of sarcasm at her expense.


GOVERNOR WILLIAM H. TAFT.

The judge and Mrs. Taft attended church one Sunday morning, and after service Mrs. Taft was the center of a group of women who stood in the aisle and held a long and animated discussion on some topic of feminine interest, as women will.

The judge grew impatient at the delay and was very grim on the way home. At last he said:

"Do you know, you chattering women remind me of Balaam's ass blocking the way."

"Oh, no," replied Mrs. Taft severely. "You are mistaken. It was the angel that blocked the way of the ass."

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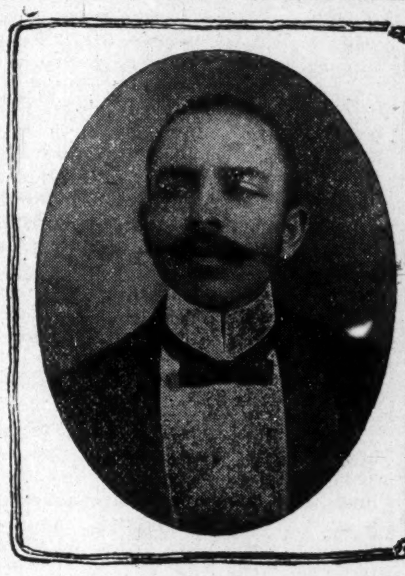

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Auntie's Babies.

There are three of them; bless the darlings'
  There's Laurence and Edith May
And the dear little baby, Walter,
  Just six months old today,
And I think, as I rock the wee one
  To sleep in his tiny nest
And kiss the smiles and dimples,
  "It is you I love—the best."

But Edith, with eyes so solemn,
  Climbs up on my knees to say,
"May I hold 'oor fwotch?" and listens
  As it measures our lives away.
I stroke the brown locks sunny,
  The sweet young brow caressed,
And I think, "Your auntie loves you,
  Dear little niece—the best."

But little arms clasp softly
  My neck in a close embrace,
And a boyish cheek, all rosy,
  Is pressed against my face.
"I's auntie's 'ittle sweetheart,
  An' I love oo lots, I do;
Whole hun'erd bushels, auntie;
  Is 'at enough for oo?"

Then I kiss my ardent lover
  And fold him to my breast,
And I think, "Of all the babies
  I surely love you—best."
But at night, as the tiny toddlers,
  Reluctant, go to rest,
I know, as I tuck them under,
  That I love them all—the best.

No Vowels In It.

Many places have curious names, but apparently there is only one place which has a name without any vowels. That place is the little hamlet of Ws, near Paris. Ws being an unpronounceable name, the inhabitants of the hamlet have transformed it into "d'Us," but this change has not been sanctioned legally, and on all the official records the name Ws still appears. The hamlet has 117 inhabitants, and its sole attractions are the Chauteau d'Osny, which has been for many years in the possession of Edmond About's family, and the Chateau de Vigny, which is one of the best specimens of the renaissance style of architecture.

So far as is known, there is only one person in Europe at present who has a name without any vowels, and that is M. Srb, the mayor of Prague.

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We had always rather lend than borrow, though there is grief at even that end of the deal sometimes.

We notice that farmers are always more ready to sell their farm produce on a falling rather than a rising market.

Make a note of it that the hay crop of the country for 1903 more than equaled in value the net earnings of all the railways of the country.

Nine thousand people, largely Scandinavians, returned from America to the fatherland this fall for a visit. They came here poor a few years ago. They return as prosperous American citizens.

It is going to cost less to build the coming year. Help will be more plentiful and not so unreliable. Hardware will be cheaper, and possibly lumber, and bricklayers will not be able to hold a man up for $6 per day.

One reading of the peace offering given at the time of the dedication of the temple in King Solomon's time is reminded of a stock yards report of these modern times, for 22,000 head of cattle and 140,000 head of sheep were slaughtered on that memorable occasion.

A bushel of corn will make ten pounds of pork; it will make eight pounds of beef; will furnish good bread timber for a family of five for a week or more; it will also make three gallons of whisky, which shows how the ingenuity of man can prostitute the good things given us.

A friend of ours had an old barn struck by lightning one day last summer. It was well insured. Strangely, while the current tore out the corner of the barn and passed to the earth through some hay it did not set it on fire. In the morning the young son of the owner, when he looked over the work of the lightning, remarked to his father that it seemed as though he was an unlucky man that a fire did not start.

Where the whole milk creameries are operated and have to cover a radius of four or five miles from the creamery we are very much of the opinion that even if the butter product did not grade and sell quite so high the community would in the long run be better off to separate the cream on the farm and send cream instead of milk to the factory. The saving in hauling and the vastly improved quality of the skim milk would more than make up any probable loss on the butter.

A writer in a woman's department of a farm journal says that every woman should take a rest and a nap in the middle of the day. This is no doubt excellent advice where it can be followed, but the average farmer's wife will not find it easy to spare the time. With three meals a day to cook, a family washing, the ironing and baking to do, the children's clothes and stockings to mend, the poultry to look after and sometimes the garden as well and some company to entertain, she is lucky if she can get eight hours' rest at night, saying nothing about a siesta in the middle of the day.

A friend wishes to know whether a willow tree is ever struck by lightning. Yes, they are occasionally, but not often. So far as we have observed no variety of tree is lightning proof, though some kinds are more frequently hit than others. The cottonwood, balm of Gilead and bur oak seem specially attractive to the electric current, while evergreens, hard maples, box elders and hickories are rarely hit. Anyway no tree is safe to get under during a storm. Lightning will often hit a dry fence post or a shock of grain and dodge every tree in the vicinity. It will usually strike whatever stands in the way of its path to the earth, no matter what it is.

The most satisfactory and successful system of leasing farms is on shares on a five year term with landlord and tenant owning stock jointly to the full capacity of the farm to support. The very poorest method is to rent a farm to Tom, Dick and Harry for a year and let them skin it to a finish in producing a grain crop to sell. Some fool landlords can never view a tenant in any other light than to look upon him as a fellow to be squeezed to a finish, and this begets a class of tenants who will set it to a landlord every time they have the chance. Successful leasing of farms is only possible where landlord and tenant work together as copartners, and this is why the long lease has every advantage over the short one. The draining of the land, the growing of clover and the proper use of the farm fertilizers are only possible in connection with the long term lease.

IMPROVING DIRT ROADS.

In all this matter of securing improved highways we lean toward the using first of such facilities as are within easy reach, looking toward the improvement of the roads rather than toward the big schemes involving an enormous expenditure of money. There are a few things which may be done in all the dirt road sections of the country—the road tax may be slightly increased, be collected in cash, be expended intelligently and in a businesslike manner and all work be done with a view to permanency. Tile draining of the roadbed will accomplish wonders and rid the highway of the water from below, which quite often is more responsible for bad roads than the water on the surface. Scores of miles of utterly impassable highways have been regenerated the past summer by simply laying a five inch tile three feet deep by the side of the roadbed. The surfacing of the grade so drained with a little gravel or even sand works a complete transformation on all gumbo roads. While in no manner discouraging the larger and more expensive methods of road improvement for main line thoroughfares, the people generally will be more benefited by the sensible and practical work which is easily possible of improving the common dirt road at a moderate cost.

A NEEDED WORK.

As we note it, the average farmer knows very little about fruit growing. This is not strange, for it is not in his line. Still he wants fruit and would be glad to be able to grow it. As proof of this he buys trees, vines and shrubs in large quantities of the traveling fruit tree agents, being usually guided in his selection by what the agent may recommend, which too often proves to be varieties unsuited to his latitude and location. He sets the trees out, and, being ignorant as to the care which they should receive, his orchard is very soon a wreck. We cannot see how the different horticultural societies could do a better work than to issue a brief bulletin or pamphlet recommending a few of the tried and hardy varieties suited to different sections of the country and follow this with instructions how to plant and prune the tree and care for it. It is this A B C of horticulture which needs to be taught. There is too much time devoted by professional horticulturists in their meetings and too much space devoted in their published proceedings to the experimental and theoretical and not enough to the practical. The common man should be shown in a simple manner what to plant and how to plant and care for his trees.

HELPS FOR SMALL INCOMES.

There are so large a number of the American people who have to keep their families and live on an income of from $400 to $600 per year that any suggestion whereby they may be enabled to solve the problem more satisfactorily may be helpful. A small piece of land used as a family garden and cultivated as it may be, a cow and a few chickens will furnish a good part of the living of the family and of those things which cost the most to buy. A neighbor of ours has a Jersey cow which the past year has brought him in a gross income of $100, counting his sales of milk to his neighbors and what they have used in the family at current prices. He is a railroad man. We have another friend who gets over $250 from a city garden plot of 100 square rods. These outside helps may be largely left to the wife and the children at the same time that they may be made to contribute so much to the well being of the whole famly.

MUD FOR FUEL.

And now we are told that the great northwest may make itself independent of the coal monopolies by using mud for fuel. It is claimed that all the immense peaty deposits of sloughs and swamps when mechanically treated and dried is rich in heat making qualities and may be made ton for ton the equal of any of the bituminous coal on the market at half the cost. This we know: Years ago when living on a pioneer farm in Minnesota we dug out and dried a lot of the peaty deposit of a slough on the farm, it looking exactly like well rotted manure when taken out. We further know that this stuff burned with a clean white ash and made the hottest kind of a fire. We firmly believe that with suitable machinery for mixing and pressing this material an absolutely unlimited supply of excellent fuel is easily available all through the timberless and coalless regions of the great northwest.

WHY NOT?

The darky chef in the little cluttered up kitchen of a Pullman dining car will always serve you a daintily cooked meal, no matter what you order. Why should not housewives, with better facilities, do as well? Because they do not know how. Why do they not know? Because they have never been taught. Why were they not taught? Because it was thought to be of more importance that the girl should study the fads of our modern school system, when thousands of women all over the country would, after they have a home to care for, value this omitted training in domestic science as worth more than all the fads of our schools. We want to reiterate the homely truth that so long as women want to get married, expect to be married and are going to get married, if they can, it is just good sense that they should fit themselves for this their most important and chief life work.

THE BLIZZARD.

This is the blizzard—the twin brother of the summer cyclone, the air demon of the great north country, an aerial tyrant, born amid the snow peaks and eternal glaciers 10,000 feet in the air—a hissing, howling, seething, deadly combination of cyclone, snow and intensest cold, leaping without warning from its mountain aerie and sweeping over the peaceful plains of the lowlands just as Italy in the olden time was overwhelmed by the Goths, Vandals and Huns of the north. Ever caught in one? Well, pray that you never will be. It is calm and pleasant, and you are going to your home two miles away. The sun shines; no thought of coming peril. A low and distant roar catches your attention. It is from the northwest. You first think it is a freight train. It grows louder. On the northwest horizon is fast rising a dark, misty ridge of cloud, apparently rolling over on the ground. Flee, man, if you can; it is your last chance! On it comes with the speed of the fast mail. In three minutes it is here. Temperature drops 60 degrees, and a sixty mile gale fills the air with broken ice, pulverized snow and dust. It blinds you. You cannot see ten feet. In two minutes you are hopelessly lost. Hair, eyebrows, whiskers, ears, coat sleeves and neck are soon filled full. Twenty-five below zero, two miles from home and freezing to death. Neither man nor beast can live exposed to it. Hundreds have thus perished, a gently rounded mound of ice packed drift the sole indication when it is over where death by the blizzard entombed the unlucky traveler. Not often do they come, but when forecasted take no chances.

HOG CHOLERA INSURANCE.

We offer the suggestion, one which we have never seen advocated, that it might prove feasible and practical to organize hog cholera mutual insurance companies. The record of this disease covering a period of twenty-five years shows that it is seldom if ever general in its visitations so far as a state is concerned, even in the worst years many localities being entirely exempt. It is not likely that any method of absolute prevention or cure will ever be found, and it is absolutely certain that so long as hogs are raised as at the present time the liability to the disease will always be present. Men who are engaged in the hog business would, we think, gladly meet the assessments if they could be assured of indemnity for their own losses when visited by the disease. The same uncertain elements and destructive results obtain in visitations of hog cholera which are associated with fire and hailstorms, the losses by which are now well guarded against by reliable mutual insurance. We should like to have this thing talked up in the farm institutes this winter.

VALUE OF TREES ON THE FARM.

Cross section a 160 acre farm into four forty acre fields and plant a row of trees six feet apart on each fence line, and you will have nine acres of timber, allowing the trees the use of a rod and a half in width on which to grow. It is a fact that a farm so divided and planted with trees will, one year with another, produce bigger and better crops than the same farm all cultivated and exposed. Then there is the protection thus afforded from blistering hot winds and summer storm winds which prostrate the growing crops, the winter snows are thus permitted to lie undisturbed on the fields, abundant shade is furnished for the stock, the windfalls and trimmings will furnish plenty of fuel for the cook stove, and, more than all, an æsthetic beauty is given to the landscape which is a constant delight both winter and summer. What trees to plant? Well, any kind is better than none. Plant white ash, elm, black walnut, larch, soft maple, willow, anything but box elder, or you might plant apple trees or evergreens.

AT THE TAIL OF THE PROCESSION.

We have known of one or two instances where men have made an unusual success of life in a financial way who could neither read nor write. One man of this kind accumulated property to the value of $100,000, and notwithstanding his lack of education no man in his neighborhood could outfigure him in computing interest or in a trade. He seemed to possess a sort of sixth sense which enabled him to arrive at conclusions, and correct ones, in doing business. But such a man is a rare exception, and it is entirely safe to say that the ignoramus in the world today is so handicapped that there is no place for him save at the tail end of the procession or as a poor doer of other people's dirty work. The young man who fools away his opportunities for acquiring an education does not realize what he is losing. He will find out later on.

CLOVER WILL BRING HEALTH.

There is something very remarkable about the peculiar adaptability of much of the so called worthless burned and cut over timber lands of northern Minnesota and Wisconsin for the growing of the clovers and tame grasses. There are plenty of instances where clover seed scattered among stumps, brush and stones makes the most luxuriant kind of growth and so all unexpectedly makes of these much despised tracts the most valuable kind of stock farms. It is no exaggeration to say that wherever clover and timothy will grow as they do on these lands there is to be found in the near future a most prosperous country, for all flesh is grass, and flesh is money, and money makes the mare go.

Yes, you can well afford to pay 5 per cent for money to build either a silo or a good barn. The silo will pay you 20 per cent and the barn at least 10 per cent.

One Texas county has voted the sum of $500,000 for the purpose of building good roads and will vote more when that it gone. The winter roads of that state on the black waxy soils are probably the very worst to be found in the Union.

The best seed potatoes to be had are raised in North Dakota, northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. Such seed is better worth a dollar a bushel for planting in Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and other states south than home grown seed is worth 10 cents.

Soil has more to do with successful fruit culture than any other thing. On the stiff white oak clay soil of a limited section in southern Iowa the pear is a great success. On all the drift soils of the prairie sections of the same state the pear is a total failure. It is just a matter of soil, not of elevation, latitude or temperature.

There is much agitation going on now about the inadequate wages paid the country schoolma'am. Probably she is not fairly paid, but if her wages are raised will it not make it more difficult for some nice fellow to get her for a wife? And that is the best use ever made of these winsome and interesting creatures. This is a point which should not be overlooked.

Because a valuable variety of fruit—the apple, for instance—is originated in a far north latitude it does not follow that such variety will be hardy. The Wealthy apple would have been just as good a fruit for the north country had it originated in Missouri instead of Minnesota. The key to hardiness lies in the kind of seed sown—whether it came from a known hardy parentage.

A reader, a dairyman, living in the north country wishes to know whether it would prove practicable to grow cowpeas and corn together so as to secure a better balanced dairy ration. We hardly think that it would. The cowpea would need all the sunshine and heat it can get in order to make a crop up in the north country, and these it would not get when grown with a crop of corn.

The work being done in the line of improving the type of our corn by the experiment stations in the states of Illinois and Iowa is producing very marked results. Exhibits of improved corn are one of the principal features of all institutes this winter, and for the first time corn growers are really learning what good corn is like and what may be done in improving the type of corn grown.

We have before referred to the interesting experiment being carried on at the Ames (Ia.) experiment station—the crossing of a drove of twenty-seven thoroughbred Galloway heifers with a snow white Shorthorn sire. The station now has two crops of calves as a result of this cross, about 70 per cent of which are a blue gray color and carrying all the fine beef points of their ancestors.

A miserable little muskrat cost the state of New York the sum of $10,000 not long since. The little beast bored a hole into the retaining wall of a canal where the water was at a level above the surrounding country. The water from first trickling through soon enlarged the opening, bursting the wall of the canal and flooding the adjacent territory, while it emptied the canal and tied up navigation. The levees of the Mississippi river have no greater enemy than the insignificant crawfish for the same reason.

He was a sort of joyless beggar, a twentieth century parasite, unshaven, dirty and repulsive. Withal he was well built and ablebodied, minus moral sense, self respect and common decency. He roamed from place to place begging handouts, scaring timid women, pilfering where he could, roosting on brake beams and in coal cars, a human entity which society brands as an outcast and which the world were well rid of. He should be forcibly seized by government authority and impressed into the army of the Philippines or be set to firing on some battleship. It is of no use to work up a maudlin sympathy for this kind. They need no pity, for they are what they are from choice, not from necessity.

We came across a man, a farmer, recently who was to be envied. He owned a fine farm, highly improved and well stocked with the choicest kinds of stock. His wife was a splendid housekeeper and a poultry expert. They had four sons from eighteen to twenty-eight years of age, and, strange as it may seem, all these boys had stayed on the farm. One son had the field crops, one the sheep, another the horses, and the old man had the stock to specially care for, and all took a hand at helping the wife and mother with her work, for there were no girls in the family. There were 250 draft horses on the farm, some Shorthorn cows worth $500, Shropshire sheep worth $50. Money was made very easily and very pleasantly on that farm.

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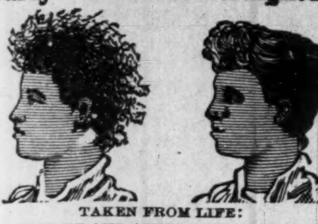

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HINTS FOR FARMERS

The Farmer's Education.

The successful farmer must have more of an education than simply his experience. This might have been sufficient fifty years or even twenty years ago, but is inadequate now with changed conditions. Of course it is out of the question for the average established farmer to give up his business and take a college course. There are other ways to secure a scientific and up to date agricultural education. First of all are agricultural papers, experiment station bulletins and agricultural books. These are within the reach of all and contain the latest and best science and practice. Then there are the farmers' institutes, grange and farmers' club meetings. The information secured at these has the recommendation of coming from first hands and is apt to be exceedingly practical. In addition the midwinter corn and stockmen's conventions at agricultural colleges, where the scientist and practical man come together, are too valuable to be neglected. With such sources of information there is little excuse for the modern farmer being ignorant of the best methods.—American Agriculturist.

Improvement Through Selection.

Every farmer can if he will improve his seeds of all kinds by careful selection and cultivation and by taking advantage of natural variation with as much certainty as he can by a similar process improve his live stock. Take cotton, for example, and go into the field and find a prolific stalk that meets as many as possible of desirable characteristics, select a few of the best bolls from this stalk, save the seed and plant at a distance from any other cotton and cultivate carefully. When this cotton matures select the best bolls from the best stalks and repeat the operation, using the seed from all this patch for the general crop, and the selected seed from selected bolls use only for the seed breeding patch. A similar process will produce similar results with any other field crop. In the case of garden vegetables simply select the best seed from the best plant in the garden for the next season's planting. In this way there is no end to the improvement that can be wrought in the years to come. The effect, however, will be apparent the first season the selected seed is used.

A Few Reminders.

Don't quarrel with the weather.

Don't think "any old way" is all right; it isn't.

The best cure for cracked hands during cold weather is prevention. Wear leather gloves when doing outside work.

Frozen grass contains but little nourishment. It is filling, but animals won't grow fat on it. Give them a feed at the barn on good hay and grain before turning them out for exercise.

One of the crying needs of the average farmer is to provide waterproof receptacles for both liquid and solid manure. See that every particle possible of manure is saved and stored for time of use.

Replace every bolt on the carriage that has been broken. Also it is wise to replace all the nuts that have rattled from the carriage and wagon bolts, the sleighs and the bobsleds. The man who keeps a stock of such nuts and bolts to go with them is sensible.

Low Ridges For Potatoes.

At the Arkansas experiment station the highest yield of merchantable potatoes was secured with ridges three inches high. The same method also gave the smallest per cent of culls. Expert potato growers no longer pile the earth up to the plants in ridges six inches above the bottom of the furrow by the side of it. It is held by some that level culture is even better than three inch ridges. The land should be deeply plowed, and deep furrows should be made in the level ground and the seed deposited at the bottom of the furrow. Then, when covered, the ground will be level and the seed covered to a sufficient depth. After this frequent shallow cultivation is all that is needed, as it retains moisture and destroys the weeds.

When to Haul Out Manure.

The old question of the best season for hauling out manure is of more importance to many farmers than the building of the Panama canal. It is hard for some men to believe that the manure is safe outside of the barnyard. Such men leave it there and crowd all the work of hauling into the spring season, when other work is pressing. They would get just as much out of their manure and do the work of hauling cheaper if they would haul every day or week as fast as a load is ready. On a level sod manure can safely be spread at any time. Even on a slope the manure can be left in piles through the winter with little if any loss. It is good economy to get this part of the "spring work" done before spring opens.—Rural New Yorker.

Satisfactory Assessment Plan.

New Zealand farmers are given the privilege of placing their own valuation on their farms for the purpose of taxation, which some would regard as a snap were this privilege not coupled with the right reserved by the government to buy the man's land any time within twelve months of the time of making the assessment at 10 per cent above the valuation placed upon the land. This plan, it is said, secures a very satisfactory assessment.

The Home of Redtop.

The flat prairie lands along the creeks tributary to the Little Wabash river in southern Illinois seem best adapted to the growth of the seed of redtop grass. This small strip of country sent last year to the market 75 per cent of the entire redtop seed product of the United States, and the growers received no less than $300,000.

It is entirely possible for the dairyman to have the pasture for his cows only occupy a very small part of his farm when he has it in the shape of a silo.

The agricultural products of the United States for 1903 are of the value of $5,000,000,000. Such a country can afford to have a billion dollar congress and build a $200,000,000 ship canal.

The Wealthy apple has found its way into the New York market and this year during its season was quoted higher than any other apple on sale. It is hard to find an apple anywhere of finer quality or of more attractive appearance.

A farmers' mutual insurance company with sixteen cases of injury to barns by lightning to settle last year only had one fire loss to pay. This disproves the popular notion that when lightning strikes a barn it is almost sure to burn it up.

A move is on foot in some states to secure special legislation to exempt the horses and rigs of rural mail carriers from taxation. This would be but a petty relief, not over $2 per year. The government should raise their wages to $60 per month, which in most cases would be a fairly satisfactory compensation.

It is almost as cruel to keep a horse tied in the barn day after day during the cold weather in winter, without exercise, as it would be to neglect to feed and water him properly. Turn the horses out in the yard, no matter if the weather is cold. While their coats will not look quite so sleek, they will be in every way hardier and healthier for such treatment.

There are a good many holes visible all over the country just now—cattle company holes, oil holes, real estate holes—holes down which the nice bank accounts of western grangers have mysteriously disappeared. Next time when you get a bank balance buy some new furniture, send the boy off to school, build a silo, buy some blooded stock or let your bank pay you 4 per cent on it. Don't drop it into a hole.

The work undertaken by the government of transforming the worthless sand hills of western Nebraska into pine forests is progressing very satisfactorily. It is expected that not less than 100,000 trees—bull pines, jack pines, red cedar and western yellow pine—will be planted and making a fine growth by ten years. This is one of the most interesting forestry experiments undertaken by the government.

An attempt will be made the present winter to enact in some of the western states a "good roads" law similar to that of Pennsylvania, a law which divides the cost of building a good road as follows: Fifty per cent to be paid by the state, 25 per cent by the county, 15 per cent by the township and 10 per cent by the owners of abutting farms. This plan is meeting with much favor in all the eastern states where it is in operation.

There is this to be said in favor of devoting a portion of the average farm to timber culture—that while from the money standpoint alone it may not pay as well to grow trees as field crops it is also incontestably true that nine out of ten farmers have more land than they can profitably work, and the assignment of, say, ten acres on the 160 acre farm for timber culture is thus made entirely possible. Far better farm less acres better and grow trees.

We have inquiries as to why the apples were so scabby this year. This matter was brought up before the meeting of the Iowa State Horticultural society lately. It was shown that spraying in no way prevented it, and it was ascribed to the peculiar weather conditions of 1903. In our own orchard Fameuse, N. W. Greening, Wealthy, Antonovka and Duchess all scabbed, while Patten's Greening was almost entirely free.

Smart people are very apt to have some cranky notions. A few years ago Mrs. Rorer, the noted cook, made a raid on the strawberry and assured us that it was not fit for food, at which the whole world laughed, and now she takes a new tack and says that we eat too many eggs, especially the women; that this egg eating habit makes them lazy, cross and shiftless, and so we all laugh again. If we had to give up strawberries and eggs life would be hardly worth living.

The state of Iowa has turned out a young man who under proper surveillance and his work fully authenticated makes a new record in corn husking, he husking and putting in the wagon 201 bushels of corn inside of ten hours. The man who has previously been cock of the walk in his community on a record of 100 bushels a day must now take a back seat. The feat referred to was accomplished in a field of corn which yielded seventy bushels per acre, where the ears averaged three-fourths of a pound each.

Where there are many mouths to provide for it is simple slavery for a woman to prepare each meal as an independent one. If we had to cook for, say, eight people, we would have one baking day in the week, and that day would see a big joint of meat, a milk pan full of pork and beans, a loaf of Indian bread as big as a peck measure and enough pies for a week baked, as well as a large meat pie. These staple foods will all keep and are better the third day than the first. The old fashioned baking day of our forefathers had much to commend it, both from an economical and hygienic standpoint.

A farmer friend of ours sold recently a team of draft horses of his own raising for $425. They were Shires, four years old and weighed 3,600 pounds. This sort will always be wanted at big figures.

The blue jay, the butcher bird or shrike and the crow are destroyers of other birds' eggs and their young. For this reason alone they should be killed. Man cannot afford to encourage any enemy of the insect and weed seed eating varieties of our birds.

Cold storage is working great changes in the handling of the apple crop. On Dec. 1 of this year the state of New York had 967,000 barrels of apples in cold storage, Illinois 524,000 barrels, Missouri 327,000, Pennsylvania 220,000, Ohio 125,000, Massachusetts 118,000, Indiana 107,000. Fifteen years ago not a barrel of apples was so held.

Speaking of labor saving devices, it seems to us that that most laborious old job of bucking wood has had quite a lift. We took solid comfort the other day in seeing the engine and circular saw dispose of our wood pile of a dozen cords, lots of it tough, gnarly chunks which were bucksaw proof. Seeing such work is calculated to make a fellow glad he lives today and not in the time of George Washington.

We rode by a five acre grove of Scotch pines located out on the prairie a few mornings ago just as it was getting light. It was the roosting place of all the crows of that section, and they fairly swarmed out of the pines as we went by. If we owned the grove, which is a valuable one, these birds would get out of it and stay out, for if allowed to roost there in such vast numbers their droppings will ultimately kill the trees.

Here is a hard case. A tame deer escaped from its inclosure in Iowa and went foraging around the country. Somebody saw it and, of course, tried to kill it, but only severely wounded it. Later four men found the poor animal lying almost dead and mercifully put it out of its misery. As soon as their act was known they were all arrested for killing deer out of season and were all fined. In this case at least the law became a roaring farce in the effort to maintain its dignity.

It takes a woman to do things. Here is a Minnesota woman enthused on growing apples in that state who this year as a result of most patient work exhibited at the meeting of the State Horticultural society 160 entirely new varieties of apples, all the product of seed taken from a single Melinda apple tree and planted twelve years ago. These new apples were of all sorts, large and small, red, yellow and green, but it would be strange indeed if one or more did not prove of immense value to the state at large.

Most of us like birds and specially like to have them nest around our homes. Much may be done to encourage them to do this. For the wrens put up small boxes or tin cans under the eaves of the house or other buildings, for the martins a small four or six room house on a pole in the yard or on top of the shed, a two inch hole bored into any old tree will invite the woodpeckers, the evergreens will surely be taken by the mourning doves, but remember these nesting places will be surely first pre-empted by the sparrows, and they must be driven or killed off if you would invite other birds.

Our common birds may be found in much greater numbers among the gardens and orchards of our towns than they are in the native timber tracts. We have a tract of heavy timber in the country, and it is rare to find many birds in it at any time of the year. A few scarlet tanagers, some vireos, a wood thrush once in awhile, some peewees, crows and hawks are about all, while among the residence portion of the town may be found oriole, robins, wrens, blue jays, catbirds, cedar birds, grosbeaks, mourning doves and the woodpeckers in great abundance, and this, too, right in the home of their worst enemy, the domestic cat. The reason may be found in the greater abundance of food, more fruit, more insect life, in town than country.

Educational Notes.

Christmas at Lincoln Institute.

"A Christmas well spent
Brings a year of content."

But by those who believe in the principle of "Quantum meruit" no Christmas can be well spent following a year in which nothing has been well begun, nothing accomplished, nothing done for self-development, nothing contributed to the world's progress, nothing to human happiness.

Except so far as the rotation of this rotund sphere affected it, Christmas began here as early as anywhere else. On the Sabbath preceding President Allen delived a well prepared and beautiful address to the teachers and students, in which he referred to the manner in which Christmas has been celebrated at different times or different periods of the world's history, to what Christmas meant to different people in different countries and concluded this part of the discussion by saying, "Whatever the difference of opinion was as to why they celebrated it, whatever the difference of opinion is as to the date of Christ's birth we are content to know that we celebrate His birth."

Then he made plain the inconsistency of celebrating the birth of one so pure and "although lovely," by drunken revelry, dissipation and other practices upon which He himself would frown—and further, it was delightfully brought out that God's inestimable gift to earth His son—is imitated by mankind when gifts are given to loved ones and friends as tokens of continued affection and unbroken friendship, and how it should be further imitated by giving our strength, our time, our lives to the wholesome service of world's betterment and human felicitation.

A few days elapsed and students' rates were "on." Soon had, probably, three hundred students mixed with hundreds of non-students at the station and on the trains. Soon had a laugh of joy burst out in hundreds of homes in a dozen States where sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers met again after a few months' absence from each other. But all did not go home—California, Wisconsin, Colorado and Texas are too far away. With consent of parents students from these States and some points in Missouri visited with friends, places before unseen, there to meet with those before unknown to them. Who knows but that ere life's work is done some friendships formed in this way may yet be some of the most valuable to them.

With some gone home and some gone visiting, there are yet some left "on the hill;" and what of these teachers and students? Mrs J. S. Yates went home to spend, up to convention time, with her husband. The others of us remained to seek enjoyment where routine work has furnished our all but compulsory pleasure.

Each teacher "on the hill," perhaps without exception, exchanged gifts with the other, or better, each one exchanged with some other. Each possessed in his own right a chicken, a goose or a turkey, and the exchange as "a piece of mine for a piece of yours" was a veritable love feast.

Mrs. L. C. Anthony invited all to dine with her on Saturday. It was then that her mother, Mrs. Coleman, and her husband, Prof. E. L. Anthony, principal at California, Mo., joined her at dinner with the ever occurring serious question, "Will we repeat this next Christmas?"

In the backgrounds of their happiness President Allen who, though brilliant in all subjects, cannot see how "one can live as two and two live as one" (under the Bamboo tree or elsewhere) entertained the teachers at his home in his usual clever, hospitable way,

One of the presents given "on the hill," which we might mention, is a pair of cuff-buttons which "Le Francais classe" composed of teachers only, gave the president, who is at the head of the class.

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Mrs. Bert Ward is convalescent.

Mrs. Fred Hodge is ill at this writing

Your subscription to The Freeman is now past due.

Mr. John Johnson of Chicago was in the city this week.

Mr. John Puryear is quite ill at his home in Camp street.

Mrs. Mary S. Williams is ill at her home in Douglass street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haskins are readers of The Freeman.

Mr. Harry Radcliffe spent the holidays in Chicago and Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Wm. Clark of Fort Worth, Tex., is here with a view to locating.

School No. 26 (colored) will give an entertainment at Allen Chapel Jan. 15

Miss Clara Easton has returned to her desk in Dr. Furniss' office after a short illness.

Mr. J. T. Brandy of Washington, Pa, is the guest of Mrs. Miller, 2246 Indianapolis avenue.

George Hurley of Springfield, O, was in the city last week attending the funeral of his sister.

Mrs. Frances Gordon has returned home after spending two weeks with her brother in Owensburg, Ky.

Miss Luella Hibbith, after an absence of several months teaching in Tennessee, has returned to the city.

Mrs. Cummins of Frankfort, Ind, and Miss White of Pittsburg, Pa, were the guests of Mrs. Dr Brown during the holidays.

Murat Temple Mystic Shrine gave to the Alpha Home and Colored Orphan Home, Dec. 24th, a barrel of apples, potatoes and flour.

Miss Margaret Price returned to Terre Haute on Tuesday, having spent the holidays with her mother. Mrs. Humpton, in Ellsworth street.

Lucius Wilson, 1942 Alvord street, prominent in First Ward politics, has been appointed a juror in the Superior Court, Judge Leathers presiding.

Mrs. Maggie Miller of Louisville, Ky., left for home yesterday after having spent a fortnight with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Franklin, in Twelfth street.

Mrs. J. T. V. Hill entertained Saturday night in honor of her son William who will soon leave Indiana University for the State Normal at Terre Haute.

Fred Williamson of Madison, O, accompanied by Wm. R. Hill, whose guest he was during the holidays, left Tuesday evening for school in Bloomington, Indiana.

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Prof. W. G. Gilliam, principal of public school No. 24, entertained the 8A class last Thursday afternoon at his residence in West North street. He received a handsome Christmas present from the boys of the class.

Miss Flora M. Harper returned to the Normal School at Terre Haute, Ind., after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Dr. D. H. Brown, and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Harper, at Frankfort Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor Pierson announce the marriage of their daughter, Ada Reba, to Joseph Bollins Timberlake. The wedding took place at Noblesville, Ind., Rev. J. C. Harrison officiating. The couple will be at home, 334 W. North street, after Jan. 14

Lewis Hays, druggist at corner of Michigan street and Indiana avenue, who died last week, was the friend of the colored man. He treated all men alike, and his wife has the sympathy of many colored people. Mrs Hays is also very popular among all classes.

Miss Vivian Lucile Thompson returned last Monday from a delightful stay of two weeks at Jeffersonville, Ind., with her parents, Mr and Mrs. R W. Thompson, and great grandmother, Mrs. Rosa A. Carman. She was the recipient of much pleasant social attention at the hands of the "little folks" in and about the three Ohio Falls cities.

Miss Eurns and Mr. Wm. Carr were the recipients of many social favors while spending the holidays among friends. They were entertained at receptions and dinners by Mr. and Mrs. Peters, Mr. and Mrs James Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. J R Locklear, Mrs. Florence Goins, Mrs. Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackson, Messrs. O. P. Tyree and T. W. Valentine. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Johnson.

One of the most brilliant observations of New Year's day was the reception at the Y. M. C. A. rooms in Indiana Ave. The rooms had been handsomely decorated with evergreen for the occasion, added to which was an elaborate display of handsome and valuable calendars The ladies' auxiliary served refreshments and assisted Mr. W A Kersey and Mr. S. Yopp in receiving The guests were shown through the gymnasium and different departments of the association. Nearly two hundred people were present and all were highly pleased with the reception. There is a popular demand for a repetition of the calendar exhibit, which will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 9th, from 7 to 9 o'clock at which time the public is invited with the assurance that it will be well repaid for its inspection.

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422 North Senate avenue, Rev. T. W. Lott, pastor; Sunday School 10 a m; Bible class 7 to 8 p. m.; preaching 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30 to 9 p. m.

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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. C. H. Johnson, pastor; preaching 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; Sunday School 9:30 a. m.

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